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The *Herald's* Wash- have been in Wash- ations with different [illegible] them over to the sup- Some of these have [illegible] courted; Mr. Ben Hill [illegible]ston. Several Tennessee, Missouri and Mississippi Con- among them Casey Alcorn, are now believed [illegible] break from the Demo- design is to push the [illegible] until at least twenty- Southern Democratic [illegible] to bind themselves to [illegible] for going to Gov. Hayes' [illegible] antecedents are sought [illegible] rely to sympathize with [illegible] that every member [illegible] such antecedents has been [illegible] considerable number are at [illegible] the proposition made to [illegible] the support Hayes are [illegible] the carpet-baggers in [illegible] and the carpet-bag governs [illegible] have shown them- [illegible] a clean sweep of [illegible] the present administra- [illegible] to say nothing of [illegible] declared elected [illegible] governor's friends to [illegible] counting the elec- [illegible] that the deliber- [illegible] can be so man- [illegible] agreement, but [illegible] report till the day bef- [illegible] it is expected [illegible] Pelton refuse to [illegible] meeting, or that [illegible] will resist the offer of [illegible] to count and declare any [illegible] Republicans will refuse to [illegible] ing, they will move to the [illegible] President shall count and [illegible] some the Southern [illegible] and vote with the Re- [illegible] during give them a [illegible] purpose; thirty will be [illegible] the plan successful so [illegible] names will have a [illegible], and this may bring [illegible] both houses and give [illegible] President. He will [illegible] the count and declare [illegible] proper returns; [illegible] in Florida seem [illegible] case of that State, the [illegible] he cannot go [illegible] and will cling [illegible] while these both [illegible] a Republican [illegible] elected those [illegible] Vice President will have [illegible] members, votes can [illegible] will be declared [illegible] for going to Gov. Hayes' [illegible] will have no [illegible] and a lawful ma- [illegible] carry and justify [illegible] All this can be [illegible] to have from [illegible] hands of Gov. Hayes [illegible] Bay of It.

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[illegible] York Merchants and [illegible]

The committee ap- [illegible] merchants and bank- [illegible] the recent meeting at [illegible] Dodge, have adopted a [illegible] expressing great satis- [illegible] of a joint commit- [illegible] mode of counting the [illegible] and pray for a prompt [illegible] mode.

[illegible] Counting the Vote.

[illegible] 27.—The Senate branch [illegible] on counting the elec- [illegible] of several hours to- [illegible] to interchange of [illegible] a regard to the subject. [illegible] Power.

[illegible] 27.—The petition to the [illegible] sues the *quo warranto* [illegible] electors against the [illegible] Wallace, was decided [illegible] delivered the opinion [illegible] the motion to remove [illegible] Circuit Court, under the

[illegible] Deposit.

[illegible] 27.—The *Times'* Wash- [illegible] Brown has returned, and [illegible] of his electoral college [illegible] the State. He went to [illegible] purpose to-day, but, at [illegible] last made the deposit. It [illegible] of withholding the [illegible] and was made by one of [illegible] here after Cronin's arri- [illegible] had already been made [illegible] to Mr. Terry's [illegible] has two mailed returns

[illegible] Hall.

[illegible] 27.—Cronin delivered the [illegible] to Vice President Ferry [illegible] to give a receipt [illegible] returns from Florida.

[illegible] Case.

[illegible] 27.—At a meeting of the [illegible] on privileges and elections, [illegible] a request from Sen- [illegible], asking that J. N. T. [illegible] Baker, the persons who [illegible] the electoral college, and [illegible] Henry Klippel, who were [illegible] be subpœnaed to appear [illegible] the Oregan case. They [illegible] requested.

[illegible] Honored.

[illegible] 26.—Gov. Grover and [illegible] by the Vallejo train [illegible] at the depot by a torchlight [illegible] to the number of 200. [illegible] marching through several [illegible] the Governor to his hotel on [illegible] the balcony of which [illegible] and Grover addressed the [illegible] crowd dispersed a banquet [illegible] arcade, at which speeches [illegible] by Irwin and Grover. The [illegible] prompts and the welcome [illegible] participants were few. [illegible] leaves on the overland train [illegible] morrow.

[illegible] for the Telegrams.

[illegible] 27.—The Speaker of the [illegible] subpœna to be issued [illegible] forthwith before the [illegible] committee at New Or- [illegible] required telegrams.

[illegible] on the Great Question.

[illegible] 27.—Wm. M. Grosvenor [illegible] letter to show that if Con- [illegible] discussion of the Presiden- [illegible] 4th of March next, the [illegible] Representatives will have the [illegible] a President. He claims [illegible] can not devolve upon [illegible] Representatives until all the [illegible] electoral colleges have been [illegible] and debate may prevent [illegible] meeting until the present [illegible] in which case the new house will have until the 4th March, 1878, to choose a President, unless in the meantime it shall have been officially ascertained and declared that no person is elected by the people. It is only after such ascertainment that the Constitution directs the House to choose immediately by ballot the President.

The Cincinnati Petition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The political paper which formed a basis of the debate in the House to-day, covered a preamble and resolutions of a citizens' meeting at Cincinnati, the 20th of December, at which Hon. Henry Stanberry presided.

FLORIDA.

The Florida Political Litigation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The *Times* has the following special dispatch from Florida:

TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 26.

To-morrow the canvassing board will meet in obedience to mandate of the supreme court. Speculation is rife as to the possible action of the board. The canvassers themselves believe that the board is *functus officio*, while Democrats believe that the pliable supreme court is the resurrection and life. A distinguished jurist to-day said that the court by its extraordinary action prostitutes itself into a mere political umpire, in the interest of the defeated party, and undertakes to proclaim a governor whom the people have rejected, and has brought into creation and multification the canvassing board which has already discharged its functions. This opinion is upheld by most, and that the true short answer of the board should be a simple denial of the jurisdiction of the court. The board will doubtless make the recanvass and report the result to the court from the face of the returns, but it is not believed it will issue certificates of election. Members of the board maintain dignified silence on this point. Perhaps the court itself, now that its hand is in, will relieve the tried canvassers of this clerical labor, and issue parchments to mendicant reformers. Democrats are not wanting, who claim to know the court's mind, and who say this precious recanvass will not effect the vote. Gov. Stearns holds his certificate of election from the board of canvassers, and if the supreme court should grant the same favor to Drew, the question is, what will he do with it? will be pertinent. The legislature will convene next Tuesday, when Tildenites propose to inaugurate Drew, *volens volens*. Rumors are rife to-day that Drew proposes a compromise on the basis of equal division of offices, he being permitted to occupy the chief magistrate's seat by general consent. I have not been able to obtain confirmation of this rumor, but efforts certainly are making in this direction, with high Democratic approval.

The Recount in Florida Doesn't Go.

TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 27.—The note from the Secretary of State to members of the canvassing board to meet, this morning to recanvass the returns, was withdrawn to-day. McLin and Cowgill refuse to obey the order of the court and will file a motion to vacate the rule and set aside the mandamus. Attorney General Cocke will obey the mandate of the court, making the canvass binse. Ex-Attorney General Williams arrived this morning.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The National Republican Committee's advices from eminent counsel and other prominent Northern Republicans in Florida say the *mandamus* ordered by the State supreme court applies only to the vote for governor, and it does not refer to the electoral votes. The court order is that in recounting or said votes the question whether a county is so irregular, false or fraudulent that the true vote cannot be determined must be decided by the board, not on the proofs shown them, but on merely inspecting the face of the returns. It is conceded the application of these principles to votes for State officers will give them to the Democratic candidates by two or three hundred majority, but Republicans say it is evident if it were possible to recanvass the electoral votes, the majorities for the Hayes and Wheeler electors would be at least from 38 to 43 respectively, according to the official certificate of the clerk of the board Nov 28th, which stated that the returns were that day opened by the State canvassers, and votes for electors as officially announced from the face of returns in detail, aggregate for Thos. H. Long, lowest Republican elector, 24,323, and for Watkins, the highest Democratic elector, 24,238. Republican counsel at Tallahassee also informs the committee that if the board were to review their findings as to the regularity of each return on its face, they would, under this order of the court, be obliged to reject several counties' returns, and thereby increase Hayes and Wheeler's majority to between 200 and 300.

What Judge Williams Goes to Florida For.

The *InterOcean's* Washington special says: Ex-Attorney-General Williams has gone to Florida to attend the suit of Wm. E. Chandler against the editor of the *Live-Oak Expositor*, who published a most indecent and libellous article against the virtue and character of Mrs. Chandler recently. The provocation claimed, was that Mrs. C. has said it would have been better if all the rebels had been hung at the close of the war.

A Rump Canvassing Board.

TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 27.—Attorney General Cocke made a canvass of the vote this morning, after the other members of the board refused to canvass. This gives Drew 497 and Tilden 94 majority. This canvass he filed in the clerk's office, in obedience to the order of court. Subsequently the other members of the board met. At this afternoon they had just concluded their canvass and given Drew a majority of 196, and the Hayes electors 206. Cocke files a protest. The court reassembles to-morrow.

MEXICO.

The Mexican Revolution.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 9.—Iglesias' government is established at Queretaro. The States of Guanijuato, Querétaro, Aguas, Calientes, Zacatecas, Durango, San Luis Potosi, Jalico, Colima, Sonora, Sinaloa and Tabasco recognize Iglesias. The States of Mexico, Hidalgo, Puebla, Vera Cruz and Oaxaca are occupied by Diaz. Iglesias has about 12,000 good troops, while Diaz has 18,000 of every grade, but is well provided with artillery, in which Iglesias is deficient. On the 6th inst. 6,000 men with 20 field howitzers and 10 rifled cannon left Mexico for Queretaro. Iglesias has about 7,000 troops in Queretaro, with six pieces of artillery—a force sufficient to garrison the place, which is strong and easily defended. All parties are anxious to be recognized by the U. S. government. Diaz was to leave on the 10th for the army, and confer his authority of acting president upon the celebrated Indian.

Chief Mendez and Gen. Mejia have been banished from the country by Diaz. Everybody is anxiously awaiting a turn in affairs.

Lerdo's Friends Still Hopeful.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The *Tribune's* Washington special says: Friends here of Lerdo, the banished Mexican President, hope that after the two factions headed by Diaz and Iglesias have crippled each other, he will be able to return to power.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

French Politics.

VERSAILLES, Dec. 27.—Gambetta met with a defeat to-day in the budget committee, which rejected 12 to 11 his motion that the chamber of deputies should declare the Senate had exceeded its powers in restoring the grants stricken out of the budget by the deputies. The committee thus decided that question of the powers of the Senate ought not be raised, they nevertheless again adopted the various grants as originally passed by the deputies.

What They are Doing in Denmark.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 27.—The Lower Chamber of Parliament prorogued to January 9th, when the final struggle between the co-ordinate powers of the government will begin.

There appears to be a good deal of smallpox in Victoria yet and the papers complain that no warning is given by flags or otherwise of the localities where the disease exists.

LOUISIANA.

Senate Investigation Committee.

(Continuation of J. W. Patton's (Dem.) Testimony.)

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26.

This question of the general conduct of the campaign was finally admitted. Witness said the committee usually urged upon members of the party the supreme importance of preserving peace at all hazards; believed the election full, free and fair; knew little about Ouachita; the State registration was unfair throughout; was conducted by G. Hahn, Republican supervisor; Lieut.-Gov. Antoine had refused the Democrats fair representation in the appointment; Antoine frequently promised to treat the Democrats better, but always broke his word. He furnished much correspondence on the subject, which I will go in evidence. He described the organization of the campaign committee, which, he affirmed, used every effort to secure a peaceful election from both principle and policy. He believed the Republicans desired to bring about collisions between the whites and blacks for party purposes, and he had always expected the returning board would count out the Democrats unless Tilden was elected. The Republican press persistently charged every disturbance to the Democrats. This caused the Democrats to record carefully to avoid any real cause for such charge. He acknowledged that riots destructive to human life had occurred in the State on several occasions, but attributed them to the vigorous government of the State. Witness gave an extended account of local taxation, and was closely interrogated on this point. He said lands were reported as assessed at more than their market value. His property in New Orleans was assessed at $8,000. The State tax was $110; city tax, $170. The latter is determined by the Democratic city council, and, as it is, the property would not bring $6,000, and he would take $8,000 for it. He thought a Democratic State Government impossible without a Democratic national administration on account of the returning board's power, which eminent counsel think is unconstitutional, being contrary to all law, though the Supreme Court had decided it had no power to go behind the acts of the board in two or three instances; he thought the board had violated the law creating it; he mentioned several acts on its part; he thought the wholesale issuance by Republicans of warrants or false registration had the effect of frightening many Democrats from the polls; didn't know that the Democrats instituted this practice; witness knew nothing of Ouachita rifle clubs until after the election; Democratic committees' instructions were not carried out faithfully in the interior of the State; witness testified he belonged to the U. S. army from 1843 to 1855; was a rebel in 1862; belonged to the secret order of the Knights of the White Camelia; knew nothing of the Kuklux; belonged to the Crescent City White League, an open organization; didn't know any rifle club captains in Ouachita; only heard before the election that that parish was peaceful, having heard during the canvass that Isaac Mitchell had been killed in West Feliciana by Thos. Powell, a member of the State committee; it was an outrage, and the perpetrators should be brought to justice; Powell replied that an unknown party killed him; had heard Jink Graves' assassination was a personal matter; knew of no other murders; heard troops were riding through East Baton Rouge threatening to arrest negroes who voted the Democratic ticket; didn't know any certificates were given to colored men insuring them protection if they voted the Democratic ticket.

Chairman Howe questioned witness sharply on his reasons for thinking the Republicans desired to precipitate riots. He said the Republicans would use such rows for political effect. From Nordhoff's statistics witness learned that the murders of the negroes in the South since the war numbered some thousands. He had a list of 14 outrages by negroes on whites since 1870 in Ascension parish, of which he mentioned two. They were not at all political. Human life was not held sacred here as at the North. Many citizens think it is honorable to kill for political reasons. Witness was cross-examined at great length, and was on the stand six hours. He concluded by stating that Robert Brown, a member of the State central committee, had been killed lately by an unknown person near the city. Adjourned till evening.

Wm. Jacobs, colored, corroborated the evidence of Davis, that the Republicans threatened to kill him for voting the Democratic ticket. Martin Dubart, Democratic candidate for the Legislature, testified he was threatened and insulted and would have been killed by negroes if he had given them opportunity; knew the Democrats have lost many votes through intimidation of the negroes wanted a change on account of high taxes.

O. B. Morgan was recalled, and detailed a conversation with Anderson, supervisor of East Feliciana, since the election, and a conversation between Kellogg and Anderson and Henry, showing that Anderson had filed his return without a protest, but the Democrats refusing to pay anything, Anderson affected a treaty with Nash and others, by which, if Nash was elected, he would secure Anderson's appointment as naval officer at New Orleans. Witness, while a Republican, was assessed $6,50 a month for party purposes; affidavits made out in the custom house were different from the statements of witnesses, and the way Anderson was to serve was to make affidavit and have the Democratic vote of East Feliciana thrown out, and one Harris seemed to be at the head of the affidavit business. Harris was very crooked in the performance of his duties, swindling Democrats in various ways, of which witness gave instances. The Harris alluded to is counsel for Packard in the committee. He asked and was granted permission to introduce rebutting testimony.

Conner, colored, testified he was knocked down by a colored deputy marshal, Bebbs, with a loaded cane, for voting the Democratic ticket. Other negroes said "kill him." Republicans generally intimidate negroes into voting the Republican ticket. Democrats never intimidate. Wilson, colored candidate for the legislature from Ascension parish, testified he knew of negroes being beaten and shot before the election because they were Democrats. Col. Jim Lewis made a speech at Donaldsville, saying the Republican ticket would be counted in whether elected or not. Never found a negro compelled to vote the Democratic ticket. Adjourned.

In Blackburn's sub committee a number of witnesses testified that the election was fair and peaceable, and impeaching the returning board. Testimony showed corruption against Republican officials. When the latter did not serve dishonest party ends, they were discharged. Democrats were refused admittance to look at the printed registration lists on which Republicans entered the names of dead men, convicts and non-residents, all of whom voted. Colored Republicans voted three or four times. Some Democratic candidates in certain districts, who had no opponents, were not returned, though they got all the votes. Adjourned.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—The Senate committee met and took up the parish of East Baton Rouge. Alexander Stephen Gilbert (colored) testified: Reside in East Baton Rouge, about three miles from the city; have known an armed body of men, styled bulldozers, or regulators, riding on public roads at night; they visited the cabins of colored Republicans; they were Democrats; visited my house, on the night of the 5th of September, when I was absent; my wife and two colored men escaped into the fields; they put a rope around my wife's neck, broke my arm and tore down the fences; knew Paul Johnson (colored); think he was murdered; knew the two Myers (colored); they were murdered; did not see their bodies; knew Wm. Payne (colored); he was taken out and tied with a rope; heard a pistol fired; about 15 minutes later, heard men coming down the lane; broke down Payne's door, and said they wanted Payne and no one else; they went in and brought him out. He cried, "Gentlemen, what do you want with me? I'm not a thief!" They said, "Well, if you ain't a thief now you have been one." He said, "I have lived a Radical, and will die one." His body was afterward found in the river; there were marks on the road where he had been dragged; he was president of the third ward Republican club at the time he was taken by the Democrats.

In the evening Wm. Dupless testified to a reign of terror among Republicans in East Baton Rouge. In the evening McEnery was examined closely but his testimony was not shaken by the Republicans. Arms for rifle clubs were procured from the Remington works, through New Orleans gun stores, each purchasing his own arms; didn't think rifle clubs had anything to do with the unusual number of homicides that occured in that parish in this campaign. Adjourned.

House Louisiana Investigation.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—The *Republican's* despatch to-night says the House sub committee there are examining witnesses from Bossier and the western parishes. Saturday they placed two colored Republicans on the stand who gave some damaging testimony against certain citizens in the parish, one for whom he was working for a share of the crop, who compelled him to leave the place for attending a Republican barbecue at Shreveport just before the crops were gathered, and he has never been able to get a settlement although he has applied to a justice of the peace and a lawyer at Mansfield. It was clearly proven that returns from Atkins' box in Bossier parish, thrown out by the returning board, were irregular in every respect, and it was evident that too much whisky had been furnished by officers conducting the election. The sub committee left for Mansfield and Natchitoches early Sunday morning, and will return the 2d January. A number of Democrats were arrested in connection with the result of the investigation. It is generally admitted that the parish was carried overwhelmingly by the Republicans and Democrats had wasted a great deal of time in trying to prove it was not done fairly. Regarding Webster parish the action of the returning board has been clearly sustained.

McEnery occupied the entire time of the session. His testimony is not specially important. He believed the rifle clubs essential for the preservation of peace and gave instances where they had done it. Rigid cross-examination proved nothing contradictory.

Adjourned till evening.

In the evening Sam. McEnery, of Ouachita, lawyer and Democrat, gave a history of the campaign, showing it was actively conducted. Negroes assisting one side as much as the other. Republicans first began organizing into clubs and the Democrats followed through fear and for protection against incursions by United States troops.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—Before the House sub committee to-day, Foreman Bell, clerk of Ascension parish, testified he was shot at because he voted the Democratic ticket. Knows colored men who were hunted down and beaten for electioneering and voting the Democratic ticket. Has a club of 2,300 colored Democrats. Intimidation was all by Republican negroes. Heard Republican candidates say Packard would be counted in, although Nichols should get a majority of the votes. Republican intimidation caused Democrats to lose 25 or 30 votes. Know personally 25 or 30 negroes who voted the ticket, and heard many say so on election day. Said they would like to vote the Democratic ticket, but would be afraid of their lives if they did.

Wm. Wallace, colored, of New Orleans, testified: Was in Donaldsonville on election day. Testified as to intimidation and threats by Republicans. Gave Democratic tickets to negroes and saw them vote.

Edward La France, colored, of Orleans, testified: Published a card favoring Nichols and Wiltz. After that went to church and was abused. Henry Clay said any one that voted the Democratic ticket ought to have his throat cut. Said it several times. I preferred charges against Clay. The church paid no attention to them. Was turned out of the church for voting the Democratic ticket.

Robert Carr, of De Soto, testified: Was Republican nominee for sheriff but declined; the returning board declared him elected, though his opponent got 229 more votes; Sherman's report about intimidation was incorrect. Other testimony followed.

Pinkston in Another Character.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—Beebe & Joice return to Bayou Sara Wednesday. A special to the *Democrat* says the evidence brought out to-day shows that Pinkston, who was killed, was a Democrat as far back as 872. So pronounced was his opinion that he was threatened by Republican negroes. He was much liked by all the whites.

Arrest of the Telegraph Agent.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—E. W. Barnes was to-day arrested and left for Washington to appear before the Bar of the House for contempt.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Wade Hampton's Plans.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—One South Carolina correspondent of the New York *Times* telegraphs:

COLUMBIA, Dec. 27.—Those who have been depending on Hampton's assertion that his fight had no connection with the electoral contest, are likely to be waked up to a sense of the truthful nature of the Democratic evidence. This correspondent has, from the beginning, asserted that the objective point of bull dosing and bribery in this State was Tilden's election. In the Democratic programme all else would follow. The court yesterday refused to grant the motion to remove the *quo warranto* case against the Hayes' electors to the U. S. circuit court, and ordered the respondents to amend their answer by 11 o'clock this morning. Mr. Corbin appeared and denied that he had made any answer. He had made a motion to dismiss because of want of jurisdiction, and to remove the case to the proper tribunal—the Circuit Court of the United States. Justice Willard undertook to assert that the motion was in the nature of an answer, and that the court had so acted upon it, and that it was now too late to demur to the jurisdiction of the court. Corbin very heatedly asserted that the court couldn't call that an answer which was a motion to dismiss. After an angry colloquy on the part of the court, he was allowed until to-morrow to amend. Judge Willard, during the debate, said the whole course of responded in the aliases against the board of canvassers had been calculated to bring the court and its decisions into contempt. That such a result had come may be admitted, but the Democratic lawyers and Judge Willard should look when he wants to find those who have produced it by carrying out their suggestions with absolute fidelity in disrespect of the law and facts. Courts have been reduced to its present low estate. Republican lawyers here are doubtful whether it is their duty or for the good of the cause to continue the contest for electors before such a court. The heat and prejudice of Judge Willard was so very evident to-day that it seems a waste of time to go on before him, especially as it is certain that the court has no jurisdiction over the matter. The question is already prejudged, and in a few days you may expect to hear that the Hayes electors will be required to go before a Democratic referee, on possibly bring into court itself, evidence that they have the right to cast the vote of the State. Before any tribunal, even before the Democratic Congressional committee, they would not fear the result. But experience has taught Republicans to regard the Supreme Court of South Carolina as an engine run by Tilden engineers alone. They would be fully justified in refusing to appear before it or submitting any case to it. F. McClean, one of Tilden's agents is here, and was admitted to practice by Willard to-day, in order to act in the case. Maxwell, another New Yorker, is here in the same interest, with money of Tilden. The bar of this State is now retained practically in a body. The few Republican lawyers are thus carried from court to court, and are denied by partisan judges the ordinary courtesies of the profession. Chief Justice Moses is quite ill, and will not resume his seat on the bench for some time, if at all. His recent attack of congestion of the lungs leaves him extremely weak. The question of who is Governor will be argued on the *habeas corpus* case of a prisoner recently pardoned by Gov. Chamberlain, on Friday, before Judge Carpenter, of the circuit court. Both Congressional committees are hard at work. Senator Merrimon (Dem.) subpœned two army of locals yesterday. Their testimony was so damaging to his side that he could not keep his anger. At least twenty of the witnesses summoned by the Democrats dampot appear, because warrants have been out for them for six weeks for participation in the Allerton murder. Republicans are more than satisfied with the evidence thus far presented to the committees. Investigation is just what they want.

GENERAL NEWS.

An Important Commission.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The *Tribune's* Washington special says: A commission appointed by President Grant, consisting of General A. A. Humphrey, C. B. Patterson, of the coast survey, and Daniel Ammen, of the navy department, have made a report in favor of a canal across the Isthmus by the Nicaragua route, estimating the cost at $100,000,000, which is less than one-fifth the time required for constructing it is only seven years.

The *Tribune* correspondent adds: The President believes that the prospect for an early beginning of the work on this canal is very favorable. Under his direction communications have been sent to the principal powers of Europe in regard to the subject, directing attention to the satisfactory results of surveys and to views set forth in the above report as to the best route. Answers have been received from several of the Governments thus addressed, in which they express themselves favorably to an early beginning of the work, and seem to approve the wisdom of making it international in its character by an equal participation of the great commercial powers in its construction and the maintenance for it of an invio ate neutrality. When replies have been received from the other nations communicated with the President intends to submit all the papers and correspondence to Congress with a special message in which he will urge that the United States take the steps necessary to the beginning of this great enterprise.

A Nightingale Coming.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A cable message from Madame De Muska, the Hungarian songstress, announces she will arrive at San Francisco by the next steamer from Australia. Signor De Vivor goes to California to arrange for her concert and opera season.

The Pacific Mail Tax Case.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The Pacific Mail steamer *Colon*, seized some days ago for non payment of city taxes, was released this forenoon on payment of $65,000.

Military Items.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—In accordance with orders from Washington, all ordnance stores and cannon at the St. Louis arsenal, Jefferson barracks, will be removed to Rock Island, and the guns and pistols to the New York arsenal. The arsenal here is to be converted into a cavalry recruiting station.

Mock Pearls.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The *Tribune's* Washington special says Representative A. S. Wallace, of South Carolina, asserts that great election frauds were perpetrated by the Democrats of his district for the purpose of defeating him. He says that he will be able to prove not only the intimidation of Republican voters, but the importation of at least 300 Georgians and North Carolinians, who voted for him.

No Oregon Witnesses at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—[illegible] from Oregon arrived to-day. They testified [illegible] Interest [illegible] San Francisco [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The Daily Oregonian.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 28, 1876.

OREGON, MISSOURI AND NEW JERSEY.

New Jersey, like Missouri, presents a case in the electoral vote, which both Democrats and Republicans may ponder. One of the Democratic candidates for Presidential elector, Mr. Williamson, was a United States Commissioner. After the election a point was made against his eligibility. Mr. Foster, Chairman of the Republican Central Committee of the State, filed with the Executive a protest against the certificate of election being issued to him, and a demand that the certificate be given to the Republican candidate who had received the greatest number of votes. It is not stated that any indignation meetings were held to denounce the course of the Republican Chairman; but, on the contrary, the Republican press of that locality insisted that the protest against Williamson's receiving the certificate should have been sustained by the Governor, and the demand for a certificate to be given to the Republican should have been acceded to. It is not readily perceived how it was less criminal for Republican leaders in New Jersey to press the Governor for such a decision than for a Democratic Governor in Oregon to make such a decision.

But how can the Democrats of Oregon escape the inference that the ruling here, or elsewhere in New Jersey, or possibly both, were mere party decisions? In New Jersey a case had been decided by the judicial tribunals of the commonwealth, involving the same construction of the law which the Republicans insisted should be adopted by the governor. The case was this: Two candidates ran for justice of the peace. One of them, Frazee by name, received one vote, and his opponent about *three hundred*. But the latter, it turned out, was ineligible. Action was brought by Frazee, and the Court of Oyer and Terminer decided that *his own vote elected him*, the three hundred votes cast for the ineligible rival being declared nullities. But when the question was presented to the governor, it involved the loss of a vote for Tilden, and the governor, being a Democrat, overruled the authority of the court, and gave the ineligible Democrat his certificate, while the governor of Oregon, being a Democrat, and there being no decision of the courts of this State on the point, adopted the principle of the New Jersey court decision, and granted the certificate to the Democrat who had received a minority of the votes. Take the cases of Oregon, New Jersey and Missouri together, and the inference seems irresistible that in these political decisions party considerations have a preponderating influence, and that the law will be used by the representatives of both parties simply as a means of accomplishing political ends, sooner or later in the shadow of a foundation for such construction of it as will make it serve such purpose. It is not pleasant to reflect that the rights of electors have so small influence in the reasoning of those who have the interpreting of the law, but the fact seems to be, either consciously or unconsciously, that party interest alone pays attention to current events in the political world.

THAT HAT.

The telegraph advises us with delightful particularity of the blowing of trumpets and sounding of tom-toms in the path of our Democratic Governor as he moves on in his triumphal march to the capital, and of the number and duration of his little speeches, all of which is thankfully received. But it has not yet informed us whether the Governor has accepted that silk hat, which it was proclaimed had been tendered him by an enthusiastic Democrat as a token of the donor's appreciation of his efforts to save the Constitution and perpetuate civil liberty. It is a real privation not to be able to present our readers with a statement of the facts in that matter. A hat, in and of itself, is a thing of striking value. It is a good thing to speak plainly. And then it is, of all things the most appropriate emblem of constitutional liberty, and the most fitting testimonial that could be offered to one who has performed the peculiar service our Democratic Governor is engaged in saving the country. A hat is the symbol of dignity, being the crown of a man. To say our Governor a hat, therefore, implies a remark that he is possessed of the virtue of being in "posish." The king of France was wont in the olden time, to adjourn a meeting of his council by simply putting on his hat. Therefore, when our Governor puts on the hat under consideration, he will be reminded that he is suddenly become the acknowledged king of the Democrats, and that not even Cronin is his peer. Then, too, the natural position of a hat upon the human frame is at the extreme upper end of a perpendicular spine. This fact should never be lost sight of in estimating the appropriateness of a hat as a gift to a man who has exhibited great perpendicularity of spinal column in defending the constitution. This, indeed, under all the circumstances, we must regard as the uppermost idea involved in the presentation of a hat to our governor. On several occasions heretofore, evil disposed persons have circulated reports derogatory to his spine; and there is a peculiar fitness in making him such a present as will be a constant and visible refutation of those falsehoods, in so far, especially, as they relate to the constitutional spine of his Excellency.

A correspondent of the New York *Herald* would have the country believe he has unearthed a scheme for the reconstruction of the Republican party in the Southern States, which is certainly startling if true. It is stated that a number of Southern Democratic Congressmen, particularly those of Whig antecedents, have been carefully sounded with a view to their abandoning the Democratic party and uniting with the Republicans to settle the Presidential muddle by the inauguration of Gov. Hayes, and to return the carpet-bag rule in the South to be replaced by the rule of the Southern wing of the reconstructed Republican party. This is but a brief outline. The details are found in our dispatches this morning. The report strikes one at first as entirely too sensational for credence, but it is certainly not an unnatural explanation of the conduct of certain Southern Democrats, who have of late been about the only moderate and conciliatory members of the party in Congress. Without daring to hope for the consummation of this story and the consummation of such a programme, we dare say if the real sentiments of the Southern people were known, such a readjustment of their relations to the Federal Government would be welcomed by the majority of them. It would at once give them control of their own affairs, and prove the beginning of an era of peace and prosperity such as they have not known since the war. It would be the most statesman like course their leaders could pursue, for it would reassure the North of the security of the colored people in their civil rights, and at once disarm all who insist in sustaining the carpet-bag rulers as the only protection of the negroes, against the atrocities of the white-line leaguers.

Mr. Congressman Banning, of the Cincinnati District, got a good deal of applause yesterday from the gallery and the pit for a violent and mischievous tirade of Democratic bluster. It was little to the credit of Mr. Banning, or of his admirers. It is just such mad-caps as he that are adding to the perils of the country by just such inflammatory harangues as that with which he electrified Democrat ic ears in the House of Representatives on the occasion referred to. Mr. Banning was a Union soldier during the war, and, perhaps, thinks he has some license, by virtue of that fact, to air himself now with a little more recognition than those Democrats who have never smelt powder; but he should remember that while a bellicose rhetoric is incompatible with a bellicose rhetoric, he increases the difficulties and dangers of the already very difficult and dangerous situation. He is a fitting leader, we should infer, of a class of Democratic bawlers, of which the country is seeing altogether too much just at this time.

Some burglars get into prison in due course of law and then break out, but we seldom hear of burglars breaking into a penitentiary, as we learn was done by a "robber bold" at Salem, on Friday night of last week. While the prisoners were sleeping, and the guards also, for aught we know, some wicked sinner of a thief broke into the premises generally regarded as extra secure and stole two watches, some silver coin, and other articles, from the guards who were off duty. It is stated that none of the prisoners were taken away, and the sentinels of the prison were allowed to retain all their arms. Considerate burglars, fortunate guards.

MARRIED!

In East Portland, Dec. 27, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. Isaac Dillon, Mr. Franklin F. Walker and Miss Eva Ne J. Stanford, all of this county.

In Salem, Dec. 26, by Rev. P.S. Knight, Albert E. Williams and Miss Amelia Cranston.

In Marion county, Dec. 24, Joseph J. Ryan and Mary K. Feller.

At Tangent, Dec. 21, J. Cochran and Mary F. Fanning.

In Victoria, Dec. 21, James McB. Smith and Miss E.A. Bowden.

In Dayton, W. T., Dec. 17, J. K. Long and Miss N.E. Metzger.

DIED!

In Union county, Dec. 12, Mrs. E.S. Lowe, aged 30 years.

In Johnstown, Dec. 18, Edward Hudson, aged 19 years.

In Union, Dec. 17, Mrs. Addie Benson, aged 25.

In Salem, Dec. 26, John C., aged 8 years, and Richard C., aged 18 months, children of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith.

NEW TO-DAY.

Ladies & Children' Merinos, 50 cts., 75 cts., $1 25, $1 50, $1 and $2 50 each. Formale at 82 Third street, by JOHN WILSON.

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CAPT. YOUNG, FROM OTAGO, NEW ZEALAND. All claims against the above named vessel must be presented at the office of the undersigned consignees, in duplicate, before 4 o'clock P. M. today, the 28th inst., or they will not be allowed.

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3D. BARQUE "LOCH FERGUS."

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DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE partnership of Kellogg & Hanthorn, in the NATIONAL HOTEL, will be dissolved on January 1, 1877, J. B. Kellogg retiring. Mr. J. O. Hanthorn will continue the business. All accounts due said firm are requested to call and settle, and all persons having claims against the firm are requested to present them before that date.

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1 Very Elegant PIANO, Guild, Church & Co., Makers, but little used, a fine Instrument.

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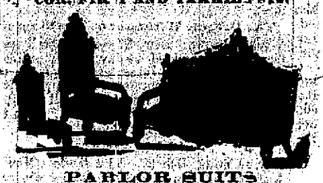

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ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

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FOR THE

PROTECTION

OF

REAL ESTATE OWNERS

OF

PORTLAND.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Protection of Real Estate Owners of Portland will be held at the office of the Secretary, No. 5 Washington street, on Thursday, December 28, 1876, at 7½ o'clock P. M., for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

By order of the Executive Committee.

H. C. GAULT, Secretary.

Portland, Dec. 27, 1876.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Oregon Steam Navigation Company will be held at the office of the Company, in Portland, Oregon, on Monday, January 8, 1877, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors.

J. C. AINSWORTH, President.

Portland, Dec. 27, 1876.

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NATURAL HISTORY.

The annual meeting of the Natural History Society, was held last evening, and the report of the committee appointed at the last meeting was read. The report of the Secretary, and the treasurer's report were also read and considered, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres., J. C. Ainsworth; Vice Pres., H. C. Gault; Secretary, Rev. Thos. Condon; Treasurer, P. F. Bradford; Curator, O. B. Johnson; Librarian, Rev. Thos. Condon. The annual meeting, and the regular meeting of the society will be held on the first Tuesday evening in each month. The committee will establish a course of lectures, setting forth at large the objects of the society and the means to be used in the carrying of them out.

AMUSEMENTS.

OPERA HOUSE.

THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 28, 1876,

Will be presented the Comedy Drama in 3 acts, entitled

OUR AMERICAN COUSIN.

Dundreary.....Mr. Sawtelle
Mr. Trenchard.....Mr. Howard
Lord Dundreary.....Mr. Jack
Asa Trenchard.....Mr. Sawtelle
Florence Trenchard.....Miss Firmin

Between the 2d and 3d acts Miss Firmin will sing the Ballad, "Jolly Tar."

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Mr. Howard.....Mr. Howard
Mr. Sawtelle.....Mr. Sawtelle
Mr. Jack.....Mr. Jack
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Assets, ... $500,000 00
Income, 1875, ... $400,000 00
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MONEY.

$5,000 TO LOAN ON IMPROVED CITY Property. W. LAIR HILL.

The Daily Oregonian.

PORTLAND, DEC. 28, 1876.

CITY.

H. Lenz.—A fellow giving his name as E. Leslie, alias H. L. Emery, presented a check to Mr. Chas. Haunstein, who keeps the corner of Front and Stark streets, yesterday evening, and desired to negotiate it. The check was on the First National Bank, purporting to have been drawn by I. C. Ainsworth, and made payable to Emery or bearer. It was taken and examined the check. Everything was right, paid the money. As the note was made payable to Haunstein, Emery's endorsement was necessary. When asked to write his name on the back of the check, Emery made no objection, endorsing the check, the man took the money and disappeared. Haunstein, thinking the name of Capt. Ainsworth was somewhat surprised to see the misspelling of the writing. What action he had on the subject were taken this morning on presenting the check at the bank, he then learned that a warrant was issued at Justice Lenz's office yesterday afternoon, for the arrest of the fellow, who is now in jail to await the action of the grand jury. Bail fixed at $500. In default of bonds, he is now in jail.

From the records of the Signal Station of Observation, Portland, Dec. 27, 1876:

	7 A.M.	2 P.M.	9 P.M.
Barometer	29.880	29.940	29.980
Thermometer	29.915	29.991	29.991
Direction of wind	48°	46°	46°
Velocity of wind	0	0	0
Rain or snow in inches	0	0	0
Character of weather	Cloudy.	Cloudy.	Cloudy.

Highest temperature, 52°
Lowest temperature, 42°

Multnomah Encampment.—The following officers were elected by Multnomah Encampment No. 1, I. O. O. F., at their meeting of December 26th: C. P., J. Beatty; H. P., J. F. Caples; S., C. Hacele; J., Lyon; S. W., H. A. Hogue; William Hamilton trustee.

Multnomah Lodge.—Meeting as a regular meeting of Multnomah Lodge No. 1, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing term: Arthur Wilson, C. C.; Geo. Hyde, V. C.; J. E. Patton, V. Sty. and K. of R. and S.; Alfred Anderson, P.

A HISTORY MEETING.

A meeting of the State Natural History Society was held in the Portland Academy yesterday at which committees on constitution and preliminary meeting in January next. The meeting was called to order by Knight, chairman, D. Newberry, secretary pro tem. The committee on constitution was then called and adopted as follows: The name of this organization shall be the Oregon State Natural History Society. The objects of this organization shall be the exchange of specimens, and thus constitute a History Survey of Oregon. To encourage and assist the study of nature by the pupils of the public schools. To obtain for the schools and members connected, quite a number of the state and refer- ence to form a State Museum. Any person in any school or academy desiring to study Natural History, may become a member of the institution and pay- the sum of two dollars. Officers of this organization shall be a President, Secretary and Curator, who shall constitute an executive committee. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the society, and the Secretary to keep a record of all the transactions of the society, and to conduct all correspondence of the society. It shall be the duty of the Curator to receive all specimens sent in by the members, and to report the same at each meeting of the Association. It shall be the duty of the Curator to preserve all specimens sent in by the members, undetermined, and to exchange the same as may be directed by the society, and to redistribute the specimens to those by whom they were sent, so as to give to each contributing in such sent as can be selected from the duplicates on hand, retaining one specimen as the property of the society. It shall be the duty of members to further the objects of Natural History, and to encourage, by similar work by the society; to transmit the Curator of the Museum, to the Curator of the Museum of exchange; to receive all specimens returned in exchange for those sent by the society, and to forward the same to the Curator of the Museum. It shall be the duty of the Curator to deliver to his successor in office all property belonging to the society. Teachers may own and individually, when so elected, become members of the society, but members will be expected to contribute as far as possible, to the collections of the Museum. The Executive Committee shall determine the kind and number of specimens to be collected in the several departments of preparation, and other matters as the said committee may have in charge. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to assign to each member such portion of work for the general good, consistent with the ability to perform the same. All necessary letters and communications collected. The Association shall meet annually for the election of officers, to receive the reports of the Secretary, and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting. The meeting shall be held at such place and time as the Executive Committee may designate. The constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members present. Professor Knight, of the State University, was elected President, Rev. J. H. Johnson, of Forest Grove, Secretary and Curator, and place of holding the meeting and the location of the Museum were left to be fixed by the Executive Committee. No further business appeared before the meeting, and it adjourned. The executive committee will publish a circular soon, stating the objects and aims of the society, and the means to be employed in carrying them out.

AMUSEMENTS.

Tony Pastor's Performances.—Inclement weather prevented many from attending the performance given last evening at the Theater, but a very good audience, considering the bad humor of the atmosphere. Bonecianlt's drama of the "Long Strike," was replaced by the western farce of "In and Out," all which was said complimentary on its first presentation can be repeated. From the opening to the closing scene the stage was full of interest, and the culminating situations were handled admirably. Miss Firmin and Mr. Howard have become established favorites, and their appearance on the stage is the signal for an ovation on the part of the audience. Mr. Howard is also a careful, painstaking and never fails to make his work effective. As "Johny Pielly," he was really clever, and his efforts were well rewarded. Other and more minor characters of the play were entrusted to competent hands, and the piece run smoothly and to the entire satisfaction of the audience present. The afterpiece—in which Miss Firmin personates six distinct characters—set the audience in convulsions of laughter, and sent all away in a state of mental humor. This evening a new bill is to be offered—The Daughter of the Regiment. Miss Firmin personates the title role, and the evening will render all the music incidental to the play. The entire performance will be one to please, and will have an admirable opportunity to display her remarkable musical talents. "Rinko," or "Big Bonanza," is a new piece of preparation and will shortly be produced.

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BRIEF NOTES.

Rain again.

No snow yet.

River slowly rising.

Snowbirds are in season.

Nights are growing shorter.

Yesterday was St. John's Day.

New Year calls will soon be in order.

How about the ice crop this season?

Cold schnapps is the popular beverage.

"Child of the Regiment," this evening.

Old 1876 has "about gone by the board."

Some of the cross walks are in a bad condition.

Scour up old-fashioned watch chains. It is stylish again.

U. S. circuit and district court has adjourned until next Tuesday.

Police business has "picked up" considerably since Christmas.

It is the kind of weather when street car drivers earn their wages.

In view of the recent Brooklyn holocaust, let us have alum-soaked scenery.

Steamer *G. W. Elder* arrived yesterday. She brought 380 tons of assorted cargo.

Mr. Geo. B. Dorris of the Lafayette *Courier*, is at present in the city. He gave us a call yesterday.

It is the highth of absurdity to hear a bald-headed man telling the barber to "part it on the left side."

After Monday be careful how you date your letters, or you will be certain to write a figure 6 instead of 7.

The remaining turkeys are not bothered about who is elected, but who is selected—for the New Year's dinner.

Columbian No. 3, will give their annual New Year reunion and ball at the engine house next Monday evening.

A five-mile foot race is, we understand, in contemplation, to come off on New Year's Day. Five hundred dollars on a side.

"Stocks has not, it's." On the contrary they have "gone into a decline," and speculators in the "critter" feel decidedly blue over present prospects.

NOTES FROM ALBANY.

Our regular correspondent, writing from the above place, under date of the 27th, sends the following:

Green fruit and vegetables very abundant in the market.

The schools of this city will re open next week on Tuesday.

After five weeks of pleasant weather, the rains have set in again.

What is being shipped down the river and by railroad very rapidly.

Only two prisoners in our city jail. This looks well for Linn county.

The M. E. church was freed from mortgage this week, so we understand.

Prof. Gilbert is having the Central School repaired and remodeled inside.

Mr. Newhouse and family of Portland, are visiting their friends in this city.

Judge Piper delivered an address for the Free Masons at Junction yesterday.

The new law firm of Messrs. Piper & Miller will be a fine addition to the Albany bar.

Four children out of six have died of diphtheria in Mr. Lotan's family near this place.

The political storm has subsided and the hum-drum life has set in again with the people of this city.

All the children of this city are now happy, as the usual Christmas festivities passed off on Monday evening.

A card of thanks from the Pastor of M. E. Church for the noble efforts of his congregation and membership in making the Christmas entertainment a success.

We peeped into the Methodist Church on yesterday after the trees were removed, and found the ornamentation that is to remain for the next three months positively beautiful and grand.

MILITARY NOTES.

Major Reginald H. Fowler, paymaster, will pay the troops to include the muster of December 31, 1876, at Fort Townsend, W. T., Fort Wrangel and the post of Sitka, Alaska.

Capt. John Mendenhall, 4th artillery, is appointed to act as inspector on certain medical and hospital property at the post of Sitka, Alaska, for which receiving assistant surgeon Wm. B. Baker, post surgeon, is accountable.

Major John Green, 1st cavalry, is appointed to act as inspector on certain ordnance and ordnance stores, and camp and garrison equipage, at Camp Harney, Oregon, for which Capt. George M. Downey, 21st infantry, commanding Co. K, is accountable.

Capt. Harry M. Smith, 21st infantry, is appointed to act as inspector on certain quartermaster's stores and camp and garrison equipage at Fort Lapwai, I. T., also on certain ordnance and ordnance stores, quartermaster's stores and camp and garrison equipage.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

The co-partnership existing between J. B. Kellogg and J. O. Hauthorn has been dissolved, the former retiring.

Kilbourn has sales to-morrow morning and evening, which include a grand piano, furniture, books, etc. Here is a splendid chance to buy.

For Havana segars and meerschaum goods, go to S. L. Stone.

The only place where you can get a really first class suit of clothing, at a reasonable price, is at Ko in's Clothing Palace.

Masquerade suits and trimmings at Jos. Harris', Morrison street.

Dr. Warner's Health Corset for "nursing." Excels for comfort, convenience and supports the Breast.

The diamonds at B. L. Stone's are dazzling.

Ask Fabre to show you that bill of fare he and his friends attended to yesterday.

Barnes is prepared to serve you with an extra lunch to-day.

We are confident that Henrichsen's store will be the Bonanza to-day, where people can buy themselves rich, for he is selling the finest at way down prices.

For table ware of all descriptions, go to Henrichsen's. Every thing in the jewelry line at the very lowest price.

The only place in the city where such an assorted stock of jewelry can be found is at Henrichsen's.

Only a few days more to buy jewelry—the best at B. L. Stone's.

The Oregon Furniture Manufacturing Co. are just out with a splendid assortment of folding chairs—strong, cheap and handsome.

The latest novelties and business suits just received at Kohn's Clothing Palace.

For San Francisco and Broadway candies, go to S. L. Stone.

Indescribable—the display at B. L. Stone's. You must see it.

Fresh supply. Those persons who were disappointed in procuring one of those beautiful Evergy Hats, are informed that Meussdorffer has received a fresh supply, and can meet the wants of everybody.

Captains and pilots will note the fact that Peter Wilhelm has fitted up two rooms for their especial use at the Fountain, corner Ash and First streets. English papers on file, and everything cosy.

Mrs. B. A. Owens, M.D., Office and residence, east side First street, between Yamhill and Taylor. Special attention given to Women and Children complaints. Also gives Medicated Vapor Baths, combined with Electricity, in treating Rheumatism and Chronic Diseases.

Having purchased the interest of W. H. Andrus, Esq., in the Occidental Hotel, I will be happy to meet my friends in future at this house. THOMAS SMITH.

The end. The end of the year has come, and the end of all things approacheth; there must the end to an old hat, but in the language of Meussdorffer, much the better, I can sell new ones cheap.

Another doctor has been rendered in favor of Noble Whisky, as the purest and best of beverages, meeting the correctness of popular appreciation. Millard & Vanschuyver, agents, 89 Front street.

COMMON COUNCIL.

ADJOURNED MEETING, DEC. 27, 1876.

An adjourned meeting of the common council was held at 7 o'clock.

Present—Hon. J. A. Chapman, Mayor. Councilmen Landrus, Blumauer, Corbett, Harrington, Lambert, Skidmore, Stemmie, Stephens, Wiley.

In attendance—W. S. Caldwell, auditor and clerk, J. H. Lappeus, chief of police, by Jas. Sloan.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The committee on fire and water reported on the petition of L. M. Dyer for permission to construct a temporary roof on his building lately destroyed by fire, recommending that the petition be granted; on motion the report was adopted.

The committee on streets reported recommending the erection of an oil lamp on the northeast corner of E and north Seventh streets.

The committee on judiciary submitted a report, sustaining the action of the City Attorney in the taking of an appeal in certain cases to the supreme court.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were ordered paid: Geo. H. Himes, $32-75; Dilg, Bros., $2; W. H. Butts, $223 54; John Finnen, $90 48; P. G. Baker, $10; Dilg, Bros., $4.

ORDINANCES.

The following ordinances were severally read three times and passed under a suspension of the rules:

An ordinance making an assessment for the improvement of Hall street.

An ordinance making an appropriation for the improvement of said street.

An ordinance making an appropriation for the improvement of Madison street.

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An ordinance making an assessment for the improvement of Columbia street.

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An ordinance making an appropriation for the improvement of College street.

An ordinance making an assessment for the improvement of College street.

An ordinance extending North Nineteenth street to intersect with B street.

An ordinance providing for the improvement of First street, between Main and Madison, by McAdamizing full width.

AUTHORIZATIONS.

From the committee on fire and water, authorizing the expenditure of $30 for grate, etc., for Engine Co. No. 4.

From the committee on streets and public property, authorizing the expenditure of $30 for the erection of an oil lamp on the northeast corner of E and North Seventh streets.

RESOLUTIONS.

Authorizing the issuance of warrants for delinquent street assessments.

Authorizing the publication of certain ordinances in the city directory.

On motion, adjourned.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Supreme court has adjourned until after the holidays.

The postoffice in this city closed on Christmas Day from 2:30 to 3 P. M.

Jim Coleman and his bride spent Christmas in this city, under her ancestral roof.

The deaf mutes were provided with an excellent Christmas dinner at their school in this city.

Very many of our private residences were, and are still, elaborately trimmed in honor of holicay week.

Our Evangelical friends celebrated Christmas by a supper, at Good Templar hall, on the afternoon of that day.

Rev. P. S. Knight has just closed the tenth year of his ministry over the First Congregational church of this city.

The plumbing stock formerly owned by M. J. Rawlins has been purchased by J. W. Crawford and Thomas Cunningham & Co.

Jas. Coffey has rented the rooms formerly occupied by M. J. Rawl, and will move his stock of furniture therein about January 1st.

Extra clerical force has to be provided at Boon's book store and the Dollar Store to meet the demand of the holiday trade, which, throughout the city, has been quite liberal.

Daniel Clark, Esq., grand master of the State Grange, was the recipient of a handsome gold-headed cane from the members of his family on Christmas morn. It was purchased by W. W. Martin, of this city.

Mine Host Mat Iewa, of the Chemeketa, provided free "eggnog" for his friends on Christmas morning, and they proved numerous enough to keep Fred and Tom busy for several hours in dealing out the beverage.

We were misinformed and a little premature in announcing Ben McCauley's marriage on Tuesday last, as it proved to be O. D. Young, Esq., of Seattle, instead. Ben has hardly forgiven us yet, but will eventually no doubt, as the joke was thoroughly appreciated by his numerous friends.

WIDE AWAKE.

Masquerade suits to rent at Jos. Harris', St. Charles hotel building, Morrison street.

Notice.—Owing to illness, Dr. Palmer will be unable to see patrons for the present.

Christmas passed off very pleasantly indeed in all parts of the State, and no serious calamity reported. The rush to Beck & Waldman's has been quite large since the opening.

The best underwear, wrappers, &c., cheaper than elsewhere, at Mrs. Warner's.

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.

The copartnership existing between Joe Oppenheimer and Henry Ackerman, better known as Ackerman's Dollar Store, will be dissolved January 1, 1877. It is imperatively necessary that our stock be disposed of before that time. It being a very large and complete one, comprising in the main elegant Holiday Presents, Crockery, Glass and Fine Plated Ware, it will be readily seen that great sacrifices must be made to dispose of it all within the time set.

The attention of the public, and especially of dealers throughout the State, is called to the above.

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Know all people by these presents, that I, *Santa Claus*, arrived per steamer *Geo. W. Elder*, and have left my *Budget of Toys* and Christmas Presents with Wm. Beck & Son, for distribution in the city of Portland.

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There is no person living but what suffers more or less with Lung Diseases, Coughs, Colds or Consumption, yet some would rather than pay 75 cents for a bottle of medicine that would cure them. Dr. A. Boschee's German Syrup has lately been introduced in this country from Germany, and its wonderous cures astonishes every one that try it. If you doubt what we say in print, cut this out and take it to your Druggist and get a sample bottle for a bit and try it. Large size 75 cents. Two doses will relieve you. Agents—Crano & Brigham, Wholesale Druggists, San Francisco.

THE OREGON CASE IN CONGRESS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN:

The matter of the Oregon Presidential electors was, on a motion of "Mitchell," referred to the committee on privileges and elections. Morton is chairman of that committee, then follows Logan and "Mitchell," in that order. "A sweet old committee." "Mitchell" is the fairest man of these. The questions to be decided are legal ones, and the principal one is, whether or not Oregon appointed more than two electors on the 7th day of November, and whether or not there was provision, under our laws, for appointing the omitted one. Certainly the judiciary committee was the proper one to consider the question. Simpson, Ralph and Steel are summoned as witnesses. They know no more about the matter than any other three citizens of Portland, and, of course, were summoned to enable them to go to Washington and spend the winter at the expense of the treasury. Waite, Odell and Cartwright were also summoned, and are likewise *en route*. They know what transpired in the electoral college. Klippell, Miller, Laswell and Parker also saw and hear what occurred there, and they were summoned; but the summons was soon revoked. Did "Mitchell," for the committee, wish to hear only one side of that story? It would seem so. FAIRNESS.

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For 1877.

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Embracing a General Directory of Residents, a Directory of East Portland, together with a Business Directory and other Statistics relative to the Progress and Present Condition of the city.

This being the FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ISSUE of the above work, the Publisher will spare no expense to render it FULLY RELIABLE and ACCURATE. His sole aim being to make the DIRECTORY useful to every citizen in Portland as a faithful annual index of the commercial condition of the city.

The CANVASSING for NAMES in this city and East Portland will be entrusted to reliable parties so as to ensure correctness in every detail.

Mr. A. BURNHAM BEE will solicit for Advertisements, and the Publisher hopes that the same patronage may be extended to the contemplated issue that has been received during the past fourteen years.

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East Portland Assessment Roll.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Assessment Roll for the City of East Portland for the year 1876 has been returned to the Board of Trustees by the City Assessor and will remain open for inspection at the office of the Recorder and Assessor until the 31st day of January, 1877. All applications for the correction of errors in the valuation and listing of property must be filed with the Recorder prior to that date.

By order of the Board of Trustees.

I. N. SANDERS, Recorder & Ass'r for East Portland, Dec. 6, 1876. d7-31st

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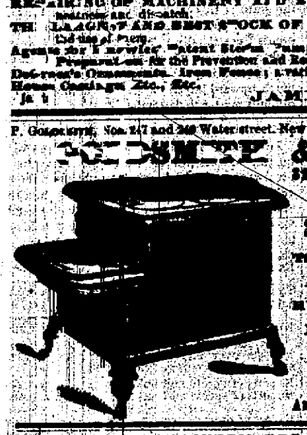

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The Daily Oregonian.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 28, 1876.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 23.—The plenipotentiaries are said to exclude from the term "Bulgaria" all localities where Mussulmans are in the majority. The Porte is still resolved not to make any concessions contrary to the maintenance of the integrity of the empire, nor grant a broad administrative authority of provinces, nor the disarmament of Musselmans. The *Lepjare Du slorphore* newspaper publishes an article concluding as follows: "The non-Slavonic people will never consent to being sacrificed to Pan Slavonism, but will fight, and if victorious, will have the sad satisfaction of having saved not only national existence but British interests.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The *Times'* Vienna dispatch says: Some believe the question of prolonging the armistice will be made dependent on Turkey's giving decisions on the subjects of reforms and guarantees. This seems to tally with news from Kischene that preparations are making to advance the Russian headquarters to Chatin on the frontier. The signs for this movement was expected from Constantinople. No one at Russian headquarters doubts that the army would cross the Pruth at Skuljini in the direction of Jassy, when head quarters would be transferred to Ungheni. It is calculated this movement would take place about the 10th of January. The date coincides with the expiration of the fortnight's prolongation of armistice advocated by Russia.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The *Times* in a leader concludes that the Porte may rest assured that the first shot fired in defiance of the united demands of Europe, would be the beginning of the end. Neither England nor any other power would interpose to save it from ruin. It might have more foes than Russia even at the outset.

LONDON, Dec 28.—The Russian telegraphic agency reports the general temper of Musselmans does not decide whether the Sultan's reply on Thursday will be favorable.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Times* says the moderation of Russia's demands is largely due to Austria's military preparations. Austria's attitude has proportionately encouraged the Porte in its opposition to resist the reforms.

The Porte does not appear to have decided formally to reject the proposals of the European powers. Midhat Pasha has visited the ambassadors and plenipotentiaries, during a conversation at which place he is said to have foreshadowed that Turkey would raise objections, especially in regard to guarantees, and it is stated he did not speak of an absolute refusal. The Marquis of Salisbury to-day informed the Sultan the powers were unanimous in insisting on the adoption of their propositions and in the event of refusal, the ambassadors would quit Constantinople. The Porte will not make known its intentions until the next sitting of the conference. It is believed the armistice will be prolonged, and a protocol setting forth points of pending questions is now under consideration.

VIENNA, Dec. 26.—The *Independance Belge* says: The Belgian government has only received confidential overtures concerning the accession of Bulgaria. Aidimar Malon has notified the Belgian representatives abroad that Belgium must make her acceptance conditions on obtaining financial and moral guarantees. The *Independance* doubts whether Europe will accept the powers accepting Berlin's conditions.

BELGRADE, Dec. 27.—The Russian General Nadzin, arrived Monday to take command of the Servian army, vice Tchernayeff. Gen. Nadzin said he has come by order of the Emperor of Russia to assume command of the army. He said all foreigners in Servia serving in Russian corps, would be considered part of the Russian army. Orders were issued to Servian corps commanders to proceed to their posts. All volunteers were ordered to the Drina army.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The *Telegraph* asserts Russia has ordered her fleet to rendezvous at Otachakoff, as active measures are feared by the Turkish fleet.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 27.—The decree of October, 1874, reducing the interest on Turkish debt one-half, during five years has been officially made.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 27.—It appears certain the Porte will not accept proposals of the Powers. Interviews between the Marquis of Salisbury and the Sultan appear to have produced a favorable result.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The *Pall Mall Gazette* says: Telegrams on the Eastern question are misleading, and warns its readers not to believe the reports about the British ambassador's retention; the Marquis of Salisbury's ultimatum, and the departure of the English fleet from Turkish waters, etc. Besika Bay is as free for large ships at this season, and the departure of Salisbury's business with the Sultan on Saturday was not to present proposals of the conference as an ultimatum. Six strong arguments Russia and England go too far to enable England will back Russian demands on the Porte for the sake of peace. We may wish to see their proposals accepted, if refused we will not quarrel with the Porte, but watch the outcome of the refusal with a steady view for self protection and guarding interests in the world.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 27.—There are rumors that the Porte will present counter propositions to-day.

VIENNA, Dec. 27.—News from Bessarabia is that the Russian army is so fit for a long campaign, but Grand Duke Nicholas has telegraphed that unless he receives considerable reinforcements of picket troops, he can not commence serious operations beyond crossing the Pruth and taking up quarters in Roumania.

BELGRADE, Dec. 27.—Russia is sending money to induce Servia to recommence hostilities.

BUCHAREST, Dec. 27.—The Austrian ambassador at Berlin has been summoned, and it is believed Austria is about to take important resolutions with regard to the Eastern question.

The New Turkish Constitution.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 22.—The new Turkish Constitution was solemnly proclaimed to-day. It contains the following provisions: The Empire is indivisible. The Sultan is Caliph of Mussulman and Sovereign of all Ottomans. His prerogatives are those of constitutional sovereigns of the West. Subjects of the Empire are called Ottomans. Their liberty is inviolable. Islamism is the religion of state, but it shall not have any other theocratic character. Religious privileges of communities and free exercise of public worship by all creeds are guaranteed. Liberty of the press and freedom of education granted. Primary education is compulsory. The right of association and right of petition to chambers are accorded. All individuals, is, as eyes of the law, are eligible to public offices irrespective of religion. Taxes are to be equally distributed. Special laws are indispensable to authorize their collection. Rights of property are guaranteed. The domicile is inviolable. Functions of tribunals are confined. No one may be deprived of his natural judges. Judges at legal proceedings are to be public; rights of defense are recognized. All punishments are to be published. The ministry has the right to interfere in judicial matters. Confiscation statute and inquisition prohibited, ministerial responsibility is established. Ministers impeached by the chamber will be judged by a high court, consisting of the chief judicial and administrative functionaries. No subject of any can be dismissed without legitimate grounds. Their responsibility is maintained, and they cannot be released from it by the act of having received orders from superior of these orders, contrary to law. Two chambers will be instituted—a chamber of deputies and senate. They will receive messages from the Sultan and have the freedom of voting and expressing opinions. The system of operative mandate is prohibited. The initiative of framing laws belongs to the ministers and chamber of deputies. Laws submitted by the chamber of deputies and revised by the senate require the imperial sanction. The senate can reject laws contrary to the constitution. Judges and functionaries are irremovable. The court of accounts, which is irremovable except by a vote of the chamber of deputies, will annually present to the chambers a complete financial account. Provincial administration will be on the broadest basis of decentralization. General and municipal councils are to be formed by election. Finally, the constitution is only to be modified by vote of both chambers and sanction of the Sultan.

The first number of the *North Pacific Rural*, a monthly publication at Seattle, issued by Mr. B. L. Northup, has reached us. The *Rural* is a 16 page journal, well printed, and filled with good reading matter, many of the articles being original, and of decided merit. If future numbers are as good as the first it should be well supported by the people of our neighboring Territory.

Financial.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 27, 1876

Business circles there are few changes to note. The supply of money is quite ample for the support of the trade of the season, and the tendency of rates on loans and discounts is toward the advantage of the applicants, who are not on the market in great numbers or for large amounts. Inasmuch as one of the leading banks in San Francisco has determined to reduce its rates on all loans made after the 1st January to ½ of 1 per cent. a month, and other banks there being expected to do the same, it is quite likely that we shall soon witness a corresponding reduction in the principal commercial centers on this coast.

The holiday season has in some measure checked the activity in general trade, and to all but those who deal largely in the articles which constitute the catalogue of presents usually bestowed at this period, there is a general quiet waiting until the old year dies out, and the new, with fresh scenes and changes, comes in and the community again settles down to the routine of ordinary business.

The produce market, above any other department, maintains about the usual degree of activity, and with the remunerative prices which prevail for nearly all articles of home production, the country is steadily pouring into the market very large quantities of all saleable commodities. Principally, breadstuffs command attention, and offers to sell are quite frequent. Buyers, and especially those who buy to ship, seem to be at sea in the uncertain condition of the market, and some who deal largely in ordinary times are now cautious and afraid. The advance has surprised them. They wonder that it gave no sign of its coming and fear that the decline may also come without warning. Some of the leading exporters say there is "no fixed price for wheat," that it altogether depends upon the wants of the buyer and the conditions of the contract which he is or may be under the necessity to fill. The dullness in the freight market is a source of regret to ship owners, and the low prices of freight discourage them; but in former seasons they have reaped rich harvests in carrying the grain of this coast, and it is fair that the farmers and shippers should come in for a share of the profits occasionally. The lowest figure we now hear named for wheat is $2 per cental, while $2 05 and upward is quoted as current rates. Just how much upward buyers would be willing to go is a difficult matter to determine.

U. S. Imports and Exports.

From the returns made to and compiled by the bureau of statistics at Washington for the last fiscal year, and which are just published, the coin value of the exports and imports of the United States are as follows, and compared with the tables for the previous year show a very great balance of trade in our favor. For the fiscal year 1875:

Exports of domestic merchandise	$505,582,247
Exports of foreign merchandise	14,802,424
Total	$520,384,671
Imports of goods	460,741,190
Excess of exports over imports	$59,643,481

For the fiscal year 1876 there was an excess of imports over exports amounting to $9,562,725, showing a difference of $69,206,206.

Exports of specie and bullion	$56,606,802
Imports of specie and bullion	15,936,681
Excess of exports over imports	$40,669,621
Total excess of exports of merchandise and the precious metals over imports	$ 20,213,102

Shipping Intelligence.

The steamship Geo. W. Elder being delayed by fogs on the river, did not reach her berth until 11 A. M. to day.

The steamship Gussie Telfair will sail for Sitka and way ports early to-morrow morning.

The British ship Norval has completed her cargo of wheat and cleared for Queenstown.

The Br. ship Woosung has finished loading and cleared for Liverpool.

The Br. ship Vale of Doon cleared for Europe to-day with a wheat cargo.

The bark Loch Fergus will finish loading to-morrow.

The Br. bark Downiemount, which has been in port for about two months, was to day cleared by J. McCraken & Co. to load wheat for Europe on private terms.

It is reported that the bark Esmeralda now at Astoria, has been ordered to proceed to Valparaiso in ballast.

There are about half a dozen coal vessels in the river making charters.

The bark Mattie Macleay will be due in about 10 days with an assorted cargo of Sandwich Island products.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Sailed—Schr American Girl, Port Blakely; schr W. L. Beebe, Port Blakely.

San Francisco Markets.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Flour—Superfine, $5 25@5 75; extra, $6 12½@6 62½; for shipping lots, payable in gold, $6 25; for jobbing lots, payable in silver, $7 25.

Wheat—The continued absence of rain has added tone to the market, most holders asking $2 25 for choice lots. Sales yesterday, 5,000 sacks shipping, $2 12½; 3,000 sacks milling, $2 20; 1,000 sacks choice shipping, alongside, $2 20. There was rather more offering on change to-day at $2 20, and one lot of 50 tons of milling at railroad depot sold at $2 15.

Barley—Coast feed, $1 17½@1 22½, silver; brewing, 1 25@1 30.

Oats—$1 60@2 10, according to quality, quantity and terms of payment.

Corn—Large yellow firm at $1 17½@1 20 silver.

Buckwheat—Nominally, $1 50.

Rye—Firm at $1 75@1 80.

Potatoes—Sweet, 62½@75c; very choice red held at 90c@1, but the bulk sell at 40@75c.

Onions—1@1½.

Legal tenders—93½@91.

Silver—Trade dollars, 101@101½; salvos, 93½@94½.

Liverpool wheat market is given to-day 10s@10s 4d for average California; 10s 3d@10s 6d for club.

Boston Wool Market.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

BOSTON, Dec. 12—Wool steady, but in moderate demand. Desirable grades are held firm, and fine cannot be purchased except at very full prices. Ohio and Pennsylvania X and XX sell at 43@48c; delaine, 51@53c. In steady demand at 46@50c; pulled, firm; choice super, scarce; super and X, 40@47c, and choice Eastern and Maine supers, 45@47c; California in fair demand; low grades of California can only be forced off at low figures; sales range from 40@56; very little spring offering.

Liverpool Wheat Market.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 27.—Wheat steady. No 1 spring, 10s 7c; No 2 do, 10s 4d; winter, 11s 2d for southern, 10s 9c. Receipts of wheat in the past week from the Atlantic ports, 12,750 quarters; Pacific ports, 5,000; other sources, 6,700. Receipts of corn, 32,000.

EXPORTS.

Per steamship Gussie Telfair to Sitka and intermediate ports, dispatched by the O. S. S. Co., Dec. 27th, 1,364 bbls flour, 64 sks oats, 04 cs bread, 15 cs hams, 68 sks meal, 10 sks beans, 78 sks potatoes, 23 sks onions, 34 cs bacon, 8 pkgs lard, 48 sks bran, 22 boxes apples, 128 sks barley, 7 cs eggs, 300 brick, 4,100 ft lumber, 68 tons hay and 709 pkgs assorted merchandise.

Per ship Wooseung for Liverpool, direct, dispatched Dec. 26th, by J. McCraken & Co., 21,000 centals wheat, valued at $43,000.

Per ship Norval to Queenstown, for orders dispatched by Corbitt & Macleay, 40 854 centals wheat, valued at $81,772.

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CITY ASSESSMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ASSESSment roll of the city of Portland has been duly filed and will remain open at the auditor's office until January 1, 1877, prior to which time all applications for corrections of errors must be filed.

Particular attention is directed to the following section of Ordinance No. 113

Section 3. Any person deeming himself aggrieved by the assessment, valuation or listing of property, may apply to the Common Council for a revision of the same.

Such application shall contain a list of all the property subject to taxation for city purposes, owned by, in the hands of, or under the control of the applicant, and a concise statement of the particular item or items claimed to be erroneously assessed, which said application shall in all cases be verified by oath or affirmation of the applicant, and must be filed with the Auditor before the 1st day of January following the date of the filing of the Assessment Roll.

W. S. CALDWELL,
Auditor and Clerk.

Portland, Dec. 1, 1876. d2d1d

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and intends to sell them at prices to suit the times. Owing to the little expense I am under, enables me to sell Goods at prices that will

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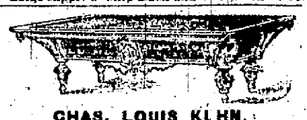

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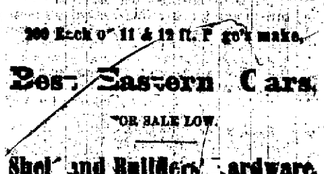

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POLITICAL.

Ready to Come to Terms.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The *Herald's* Washington dispatches have been in Washington investigations with different [illegible] them over to the support [illegible]. Some of these have [illegible] courted; Mr. Ben Hill [illegible]ston. Several Tennessee, [illegible] Missouri and Mississippi Congressmen among them Casey [illegible] Senator Alcorn, are now believed [illegible] a break from the Democratic [illegible] design is to push the [illegible] converts until at least twenty, [illegible] Southern Democratic [illegible] agree to bind themselves to [illegible] for going to Gov. Hayes. [illegible] antecedents are sought [illegible] largely to sympathize with [illegible] that every member [illegible] such antecedents has been [illegible] considerable number are already [illegible] over the propositions made to [illegible] the support Hayes are [illegible] of the carpet-bag governments [illegible] Even shown them [illegible] cloud swept off [illegible] present administration [illegible] to say nothing of [illegible] declared elected, [illegible] governor's friends to [illegible] counting the electoral [illegible] that the deliberations [illegible] can be so managed [illegible] ingredient, but [illegible] report till the day set [illegible] it is expected [illegible] will further refuse to [illegible] join in meeting, or that [illegible] they will resist the offer of [illegible] to count and declare any [illegible] Republicans will refuse to [illegible] ing, they will move in the [illegible] President shall count and [illegible] case the Southern [illegible] vote with the Re- [illegible] doing give them a [illegible] purpose thirty will be [illegible] plan successful so [illegible] Houses will have a [illegible] and this majority [illegible] both houses and give [illegible] President. He will [illegible] the count and declare [illegible] proper returns; [illegible] counts in Florida seem [illegible] vote of that State, the [illegible] he cannot go [illegible] and will fling [illegible] while these both [illegible] a Republican [illegible] go behind those [illegible] Vice President will have [illegible] votes can [illegible] will be declared [illegible] for irregularity [illegible] will have no [illegible] and a lawful majority [illegible] carry and justify [illegible]. All this he [illegible] to have from [illegible] of Gov. Hayes [illegible] Bay of it.

[illegible] court ordered [illegible] Sedalia, Mo., [illegible] returning via [illegible]. During the [illegible] with many South- [illegible] Presidential muddle. [illegible] the conviction [illegible] they generally [illegible] will be counted [illegible] a deposition for an [illegible] cy. On the [illegible], as the re- [illegible] that civil war is no [illegible] they cannot cure [illegible] are patriotic. They [illegible] denounced the [illegible] express war sentiment [illegible], whose only [illegible] nothing practically [illegible] and that since prop- [illegible] every Southern [illegible] to national peace, [illegible] appeals to sentiment [illegible] won't influential

W. SIMONTON.

Clerk Merchants and [illegible].

[illegible].—The committee appointed by merchants and bankers [illegible] the recent meeting at [illegible] Dodge, have adopted a [illegible] expressing great satisfaction [illegible] of a joint committee [illegible] mode of counting the [illegible] and pray for a prompt [illegible] mode.

Counting the Vote.

[illegible], 27.—The Senate branch [illegible] on counting the electoral [illegible] several hours to-day [illegible] interchange of [illegible] in regard to the subject.

In Court.

[illegible].—The petition to the [illegible] the *quo warranto* [illegible] electors against the [illegible] Wells, was decided [illegible] delivered the opinion [illegible] the motion to remove [illegible] Circuit Court, under the [illegible].

Deposit.

[illegible], 27.—The *Times'* Washington [illegible] has returned, and [illegible] of his electoral college [illegible] and the Senate. He went to [illegible] purpose to-day, but, at [illegible] time made the deposit. It [illegible] of withholding the [illegible] and was made by one of [illegible] after Cronin's arrival [illegible] had already been mailed [illegible] undoubtedly in Mr. Berry's [illegible] has two mailed returns

Gone His Hair.

[illegible], 27.—Cronin delivered the [illegible] to Vice President Ferry [illegible] declined to give a receipt [illegible] returns, as from Florida.

Oregon Case.

[illegible], 27.—At a meeting of the [illegible] on privileges and elections, [illegible] a request from Senator [illegible], asking that J. N. T. [illegible], the persons who [illegible] the electoral college, and [illegible] Henry Klippel, who were [illegible] be subpœnaed to appear [illegible] the Oregon case. They [illegible] as requested.

Governor Licensed.

[illegible], Dec. 26.—Gov. Grover and [illegible] left by the Vallejo train [illegible] at the depot by a torchlight [illegible] Democrats to the number of 200. [illegible] marching through several [illegible] the Governor to his hotel on [illegible] from the balcony of which [illegible] and Grover addressed the [illegible] crowd dispersed a banquet [illegible] arcade, at which speeches [illegible] by Irwin and Grover. The [illegible] campaign and the welcome [illegible] participants were few. [illegible] leaves on the overland train [illegible] morning.

Ordered for the Telegrams.

[illegible], Dec. 27.—The Speaker of the [illegible] issued a subpœna to be issued [illegible] to appear forthwith before the [illegible] committee at New Orleans [illegible] required telegrams.

Debate on the Great Question.

[illegible], Dec. 27.—Wm. M. Grosvenor [illegible] a letter to show that if Congress [illegible] the discussion of the President- [illegible] the 4th of March next, the [illegible] Representatives will have the [illegible] elect a President. He claims [illegible] can not devolve upon [illegible] Representatives until all the [illegible] electoral colleges have been [illegible] and debate may prevent [illegible] meeting until the present [illegible] in which case the new House will have until the 4th March, 1878, to choose a President, unless in the meantime it shall have been officially ascertained and declared that no person is elected by the people. It is only after such ascertainment that the Constitution directs the House to choose immediately by ballot the President.

The Cincinnati Petition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The political paper which formed a basis of the debate in the House to-day, covered a preamble and resolutions of a citizens' meeting at Cincinnati, the 20th of December, at which Hon. Henry Stanberry presided.

FLORIDA.

The Florida Political Litigation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The *Times* has the following special dispatch from Florida:

TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 26.

To-morrow the canvassing board will meet in obedience to mandate of the supreme court. Speculation is rife as to the possible action of the board. The canvassers themselves believe that the board is *functus officio*, while Democrats believe that the pliable supreme court is the resurrection and life. A distinguished jurist to-day said that the court by its extraordinary action prostitutes itself into a mere political umpire, in the interest of the defeated party, and undertakes to proclaim a governor whom the people have rejected, and has brought into creation and stultification the canvassing board which has already discharged its functions. This opinion is upheld by most, and that the true short answer of the board should be a simple denial of the jurisdiction of the court. The board will doubtless make the recanvass and report the result to the court from the face of the returns, but it is not believed it will issue certificates of election. Members of the board maintain dignified silence on this point. Perhaps the court itself now that its hand is in, will relieve the tried canvassers of this clerical labor, and issue parchments to mendicant reformers. Democrats are not wanting, who claim to know the court's mind, and who say this precious recanvass will not effect the vote. Gov. Stearns holds his certificate of election from the board of canvassers, and if the supreme court should grant the same favor to Drew, the question "what will he do with it" will be pertinent. The legislature will convene next Tuesday, when Tildenites propose to inaugurate Drew, *nolens volens*. Rumors are rife to-day that Drew proposes a compromise on the basis of equal division of offices, he being permitted to occupy the chief magistrate's seat by general consent. I have not been able to obtain confirmation of this rumor, but efforts certainly are making in this direction, with high Democratic approval.

The Recount in Florida Doesn't Go.

TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 27.—The note from the Secretary of State to members of the canvassing board to meet, this morning to recanvass the returns, was withdrawn to-day. McLin and Cowgill refuse to obey the order of the court and will file a motion to vacate the rule and set aside the mandamus. Attorney General Cocke will obey the mandate of the court, making the canvass Drew's. Ex-Attorney General Williams arrived this morning.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The National Republican Committee's advices from eminent counsel and other prominent Northern Republicans in Florida say the *mandamus* ordered by the State supreme court applies only to the vote for governor, and it does not refer to the electoral votes. The court order is that in recounting or said votes the question whether a county is so irregular, false or fraudulent that the true vote cannot be determined must be decided by the board, not on the proofs shown them but on merely inspecting the face of the returns. It is conceded the application of these principles to votes for State officers will give them to the Democratic candidates by two or three hundred majority, but Republicans say it is evident if it were possible to recanvass the electoral votes, the majorities for the Hayes and Wheeler electors would be at least from 38 to 43 respectively, according to the official certificate of the clerk of the board Nov 28th, which stated that the returns were that day opened by the State canvassers and votes for electors as officially announced from the face of returns in detail, aggregate for Thos. H. Long, lowest Republican elector, 24,323, and for Watkins, the highest Democratic elector, 24,-288. Republican counsel at Tallahassee also informs the committee that if the board were to review their findings as to the regularity of each return on its face, they would, under this order of the court, be obliged to reject several counties' returns, and thereby increase Hayes and Wheeler's majority to between 200 and 300.

What Judge Williams Goes to Florida for.

The *InterOcean's* Washington special says: Ex-Attorney-General Williams has gone to Florida to attend the suit of Wm. E. Chandler against the editor of the *Live-Oak Expositor*, who published a most indecent and libellous article against the virtue and character of Mrs. Chandler recently. The provocation claimed, was that Mrs. C. has said it would have been better if all the rebels had been hung at the close of the war.

A Rump Canvassing Board.

TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 27.—Attorney General Cocke made a canvass of the vote this morning, after the other members of the board refused to canvass. This gives Drew 497 and Tilden 94 majority. This canvass he filed in the clerk's office, in obedience to the order of court. Subsequently the other members of the board met. At this afternoon they had just concluded their canvass and given Drew a majority of 195, and the Hayes electors 200. Cocke files a protest. The court reassembles to-morrow.

MEXICO.

The Mexican Revolution.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 9.—Iglesias' government is established at Queretaro. The States of Guanajuato, Queretaro, Aguas, Calientes, Zacatecas, Durango, San Luis Potosi, Jalico, Colima, Sonora, Sinaloa and Tabasco recognize Iglesias. The States of Mexico, Hidalgo, Pueblo, Vera Cruz and Oaxaca are occupied by Diaz. Iglesias has about 12,000 good troops, while Diaz has 18,000 of every grade, but is well provided with artillery, in which Iglesias is deficient. On the 6th inst. 6,000 men with 20 field howitzers and 10 rifled cannon left Mexico for Querataro. Iglesias has about 7,000 troops in Querataro, with six pieces of artillery—a force sufficient to garrison the place, which is strong and easily defended. All parties are anxious to be recognized by the U. S. government. Diaz was to leave on the 10th for the army, and confer his authority of acting president upon the celebrated Indian.

Chief Mendez and Gen. Mejia have been banished from the country by Diaz. Everybody is anxiously awaiting a turn in affairs.

Lerdo's Friends Still Hopeful.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The *Tribune's* Washington special says: Friends here of Lerdo, the banished Mexican President, hope that after the two factions headed by Diaz and Iglesias have crippled each other, he will be able to return to power.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

French Politics.

VERSAILLES, Dec. 27.—Gambetta met with a defeat to-day in the budget committee, which rejected 12 to 11 his motion that the chamber of deputies should declare the Senate had exceeded its powers in restoring the grants stricken out of the budget by the deputies. The committee thus decided that question of the powers of the Senate ought not be raised, they nevertheless again adopted the various grants as originally passed by the deputies.

What They are Doing in Denmark.

COPENHAGEN Dec. 27.—The Lower Chamber of Parliament prorogued to January 9th, when the final struggle between the co-ordinate powers of the government will begin.

There appears to be a good deal of smallpox in Victoria yet and the papers complain that no warning is given by flags or otherwise of the localities where the disease exists.

LOUISIANA.

Senate Investigation Committee.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26.

Continuation of J. W. Patton's (Dem.) Testimony.

The question of the general conduct of the campaign was finally admitted. Witness said the committee usually urged upon members of the party the supreme importance of preserving peace at all hazards; believed the election full, free and fair; knew little about Ouachita; the State registration was unfair throughout; was conducted by G. Hahn, Republican supervisor; Lieut.-Gov. Antoine had refused the Democrats fair representation in the appointment; Antoine frequently promised to treat the Democrats better, but always broke his word. He furnished much correspondence on the subject, which will go in evidence. He described the organization of the campaign committee, which, he affirmed, used every effort to secure a peaceful election from both principle and policy. He believed the Republicans desired to bring about collisions between the whites and blacks for party purposes, and he had always expected the returning board would count out the Democrats unless Tilden was elected. The Republican press persistently charged every disturbance to the Democrats. Tals caused the Democrats more carefully to avoid any real cause for such charge. He acknowledged that Riots destructive to human life had occurred in the State on several occasions, but attributed them to the vigorless government of the State. Witness gave an extended account of local taxation, and was closely interrogated on this point. He said lands were reported as assessed at more than their market value. His property in New Orleans was assessed at $8,000. The State tax was $116; city tax, $170. The latter is determined by the Democratic city council, and, as it is, the property would not bring $6,000, and he would take $8,000 for it. He thought a Democratic State Government impossible without a Democratic national administration on account of the returning board's power, which eminent counsel think is unconstitutional, being contrary to all law, though the Supreme Court had decided it had no power to go behind the acts of the board in two or three instances; he thought the board had violated the law creating it; he mentioned several acts on its part; he thought the wholesale issuance by Republicans of warrants or false registration had the effect of frightening many Democrats from the polls; didn't know that the Democrats instituted this practice; witness knew nothing of Ouachita rifle clubs until after the election; Democratic committee's instructions were not carried out faithfully in the interior of the State; witness testified he belonged to the U. S. army from 1843 to 1855; was a rebel in 1862; belonged to the secret order of the Knights of the White Camelia; knew nothing of the Kuklux; belonged to the Crescent City White League, an open organization; didn't know any rifle club captains in Ouachita; only heard before the election that that parish was peaceful, having heard during the canvass that Isaac Mitchell had been killed in West Feliciana by Thos. Powell, a member of the State committee; it was an outrage, and the perpetrators should be brought to justice; Powell replied that an unknown party killed him; had heard Jim Graves' assassination was a personal murder; knew of no other murders; heard troops were riding through East Baton Rouge threatening to arrest negroes who voted the Democratic ticket; didn't know any certificates were given to colored men insuring them protection if they voted the Democratic ticket.

Chairman Howe questioned witness sharply on his reasons for thinking the Republicans desired to precipitate riots. He said the Republicans would use such rows for political effect. From Nordhoff's statistics witness learned that the murders of the negroes in the South since the war numbered some thousands. He had a list of 14 outrages by negroes on whites since 1870 in Ascension parish, of which he mentioned two. They were not of political. Human life was not held sacred here as at the North. Many citizens think it is honorable to kill for political reasons. Witness was cross-examined at great length, and was on the stand six hours. He concluded by stating that Robert Brown, a member of the State central committee, had been killed lately by an unknown person near the city. Adjourned till evening.

Wm. Jacobs, colored, corroborated the evidence of Davis, that the Republicans threatened to kill him for voting the Democratic ticket. Martin Dubart, Democratic candidate for the Legislature, testified he was threatened and insulted and would have been killed by negroes if he had given them opportunity; knew the Democrats have lost many votes through intimidation; the negroes wanted a change on account of high taxes.

O. B. Morgan was recalled, and detailed a conversation with Anderson, supervisor of East Feliciana, since the election, and a conversation between Kellogg and Anderson and Henry, showing that Anderson had filed his return without a protest, but the Democrats refusing to pay anything, Anderson effected a treaty with Nash and others, by which, if Nash was elected, he would secure Anderson's appointment as naval officer at New Orleans. Witness, while a Republican, was assessed $650 a month for party purposes; affidavits made out in the custom house were different from the statements of witnesses, and the way Anderson was to serve was to make affidavit and have the Democratic vote of East Feliciana thrown out, and one Harris seemed to be at the head of the affidavit business. Harris was very crooked in the performance of his duties, swindling Democrats in various ways, of which witness gave instances. The Harris alluded to is counsel for Republicans in the committee. He asked and was granted permission to introduce rebutting testimony.

Conner, colored, testified he was knocked down by a colored deputy marshal, Bebbs, with a loaded cane, for voting the Democratic ticket. Other negroes said "kill him" Republicans generally intimidate negroes into voting the Republican ticket. Democrats never intimidate. Wilson, colored candidate for the legislature from Ascension parish, testified he knew of negroes being beaten and shot before the election because they were Democrats. Col. Jim Lewis made a speech at Donaldsville, saying the Republican ticket would be counted in whether elected or not. Never found a negro compelled to vote the Democratic ticket. Adjourned.

In Blackburn's sub committee a number of witnesses testified that the election was fair and peaceable, and impeaching the returning board. Testimony showed corruption against Republican officials. When the latter did not serve dishonest party ends, they were discharged. Democrats were refused admittance to look at the printed registration lists on which Republicans entered the names of dead men, convicts and non-residents, all of whom voted. Colored Republicans voted three or four times. Some Democratic candidates in certain districts, who had no opponents, were not returned, though they got all the votes. Adjourned.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—The Senate committee met and took up the parish of East Baton Rouge. Alexander Stephen Gilbert (colored) testified: Reside in East Baton Rouge, about three miles from the city; have known an armed body of men, styled bulldozers, or regulators, riding on public roads at night; they visited the cabins of colored Republicans; they were Democrats; visited my house, on the night of the 5th of September, when I was absent; my wife and two colored men escaped into the fields; they put a rope around my wife's neck, broke my arm and tore down the fences; knew Paul Johnson (colored); think he was murdered; knew the two Myers (colored); they were murdered; did not see their bodies; knew Wm. Payne (colored); he was taken out and tied with a rope; heard a pistol fired; about 15 minutes later, heard men coming down the lane; broke down Payne's door, and said they wanted Payne and no one else; they went in and brought him out. He cried, "Gentlemen, what do you want with me? I'm not a thief!" They said, "Well, if you ain't a thief now you have been one." He said, "I have lived a Radical, and will die one." His body was afterward found in the river; there were marks on the road where he had been dragged; he was president of the third ward Republican club at the time he was taken by the Democrats.

In the evening Wm. Dupless testified to a reign of terror among Republicans in East Baton Rouge. In the evening McEnery was examined closely but his testimony was not shaken by the Republicans. Arms for rifle clubs were procured from the Remington works, through New Orleans gun stores, each purchasing his own arms; didn't think rifle clubs had anything to do with the unusual number of homicides that occured in that parish in this campaign. Adjourned.

House Louisiana Investigation.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—The *Republican's* despatch to-night says the House sub committee there are examining witnesses from Bossier and the western parishes. Saturday they placed two colored Republicans on the stand who gave some damaging testimony against certain citizens in the parish, one for whom he was working for a share of the crop, who compelled him to leave the place for attending a Republican barbecue at Shreveport just before the crops were gathered, and he has never been able to get a settlement although he has applied to a justice of the peace and a lawyer at Mansfield. It was clearly proven that returns from Atkins' box in Bossier parish, thrown out by the returning board, were irregular in every respect, and it was evident that too much whisky had been imbibed by officers conducting the election. The sub committee left for Mansfield and Natchitoches early Sunday morning, and will return the 2d January. A number of Democrats here are dissatisfied with the result of the investigation. It is generally admitted, that the parish was carried overwhelmingly by the Republicans and Democrats had wasted a great deal of time in trying to prove it was not done fairly. Regarding Webster parish the action of the returning board has been clearly sustained.

McEnery occupied the entire time of the session. His testimony is not specially important. He believed the rifle clubs essential for the preservation of peace and gave instances where they had done it. Rigid cross-examination proved nothing contradictory.

Adjourned till evening.

In the evening Sam. McEnery, of Ouachita, lawyer and Democrat, gave a history of the campaign, showing it was actively conducted. Negroes assisting one side as much as the other. Republicans first began organizing into clubs and the Democrats followed through fear and for protection against incursions by United States troops.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—Before the House sub-committee to-day, Foreman Bell, clerk of Ascension parish, testified he was shot at because he voted the Democratic ticket. Knows colored men who were hunted down and beaten for electioneering and voting the Democratic ticket. Has a club of 2,300 colored Democrats. Intimidation was all by Republican negroes. Heard Republican candidates say Packard would be counted in, although Nichols should get a majority of the votes. Republican intimidation caused Democrats to lose 25 or 30 votes. Know personally 25 or 30 negroes who voted the ticket, and heard many say so on election day. Said they would like to vote the Democratic ticket, but would be afraid of their lives if they did.

Wm. Wallace, colored, of New Orleans, testified: Was in Donaldsonville on election day. Testified as to intimidation and threats by Republicans. Gave Democratic tickets to negroes and saw them vote.

Edward De France, colored, of Orleans, testified: Published a card favoring Nichols and Wiltz. After that went to church and was abused. Henry Clay said any one that voted the Democrat's ticket ought to have his throat cut. Said it several times. I preferred charges against Clay. The church paid no attention to them. Was turned out of the church for voting the Democratic ticket.

Robert Carr, of De Soto, testified: Was Republican nominee for sheriff but declined; the returning board declared him elected, though his opponent got 229 more votes; Sherman's report about intimidation was incorrect. Other testimony followed.

Pinkston in Another Character.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—Beebe & Joice return to Bayou Sara Wednesday. A special to the *Democrat* says the evidence brought out to-day shows that Pinkston, who was killed, was a Democrat as far back as 1872. So pronounced was his opinion that he was threatened by Republican negroes. He was much liked by all the whites.

Arrest of the Telegraph Agent.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—E. W. Barnes was to-day arrested and left for Washington to appear before the Bar of the House for contempt.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Wade Hampton's Plans.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—One South Carolina correspondent of the New York *Times* telegraphs:

COLUMBIA, Dec. 27.—Those who have been depending on Hampton's assertion that his fight had no connection with the electoral contest, are likely to be waked up to a sense of the truthful nature of the Democratic evidence. This correspondent has, from the beginning, asserted that the objective point of bull dosing and bribery in this State was Tilden's election. In the Democratic programme all else would follow. The court yesterday refused to grant the motion to remove the *quo warranto* case against the Hayes' electors to the U. S. circuit court, and ordered the respondents to amend their answer by 11 o'clock this morning. Mr. Corbin appeared and denied that he had made any answer. He had made a motion to dismiss because of want of jurisdiction, and to remove the case to the proper tribunal—the Circuit Court of the United States. Justice Willard undertook to assert that the motion was in the nature of an answer, and that the court had so acted upon it, and that it was now too late to demur to the jurisdiction of the court. Corbin very heatedly asserted that the court couldn't call that an answer which was a motion to dismiss. After an angry colloquy on the part of the court, he was allowed until to-morrow to amend. Judge Willard, during the debate, said the whole course of responded in the aliases against the board of canvassers had been calculated to bring the court and its decisions into contempt. That such a result had come may be admitted, but the Democratic lawyers and Judge Willard should look when he wants to find those who have produced it by carrying out their suggestions with absolute fidelity in disrespect of the law and facts. Courts have been reduced to its present low estate. Republican lawyers here are doubtful whether it is their duty or for the good of the cause to continue the contest for electors before such a court. The heat and prejudice of Judge Willard was so very evident to-day that it seems a waste of time to go on before him, especially as it is certain that the court has no jurisdiction over the matter. The question is already prejudged, and in a few days you may expect to hear that the Hayes electors will be required to go before a Democratic referee, or possibly bring into court itself, evidence that they have the right to cast the vote of the State. Before any tribunal, even before the Democratic Congressional committee, they would not fear the result. But experience has taught Republicans to regard the Supreme Court of South Carolina as an engine run by Tilden engineers alone. They would be fully justified in refusing to appear before it or submitting any case to it. F. McClean, one of Tilden's agents is here, and was admitted to practice by Willard to-day, in order to act in the case. Maxwell, another New Yorker, is here in the same interest, with money of Tilden. The bar of this State is now retained practically in a body. The few Republican lawyers are thus carried from court to court, and are denied by partisan judges the ordinary courtesies of the profession. Chief Justice Moses is quite ill, and will not resume his seat on the bench for some time, if at all. His recent attack of congestion of the lungs leaves him extremely weak. The question of who is Governor will be argued on the *habeas corpus* case of a gentleman recently pardoned by Gov. Chamberlain, on Friday, before Judge Carpenter, of the circuit court. Both Congressional committees are hard at work. Senator Merrimon (Dem.) subpœned two army officers yesterday. Their testimony was so damaging to his side that he could not keep his anger. At least twenty of the witnesses summoned by the Democrats cannot appear, because warrants have been out for them for six weeks for participation in the Ellerton murder. Republicans are more than satisfied with the evidence thus far presented to the committees. Investigation is just what they want.

GENERAL NEWS.

An Important Commission.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The *Tribune's* Washington special says: A commission appointed by President Grant, consisting of General A. A. Humphrey, C. B. Patterson, of the coast survey, and Daniel Ammen, of the navy department have made a report in favor of a canal across the isthmus by the Nicaragua route, estimating the cost at $100,000,000, which is less than by any other route, and time required for constructing it is only seven years.

The *Tribune* correspondent adds: The President believes that the prospect for an early beginning of the work on this canal is very favorable. Under his direction communications have been sent to the principal powers of Europe in regard to the subject, directing attention to the satisfactory results of surveys and to views set forth in the above report as to the best route. Answers have been received from several of the Governments thus addressed, in which they express themselves favorable to an early beginning of the work, and seem to approve the wisdom of making it international in its character by an equal participation of the great commercial powers in its construction and the maintenance for it of an invio ate neutrality. When replies have been received from the other nations communicated with the President intends to submit all the papers and correspondence to Congress with a special message in which he will urge that the United States take the steps necessary to the beginning of his great enterprise.

A Nightingale Coming.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A cable message from Madame De Muska, the Hungarian songstress, announces she will arrive at San Francisco by the next steamer from Australia. Signor De Vivor goes to California to arrange for her concert and opera season.

The Pacific Mail Tax Case.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The Pacific Mail steamer *Colon*, seized some days ago for non payment of city taxes, was released this forenoon on payment of $65,000.

Military Items.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—In accordance with orders from Washington, all ordnance stores and cannon at the St. Louis arsenal, formerly Jefferson barracks, will be removed to Rock Island, and the guns and pistols to the New York arsenal. The arsenal here is to be converted into a cavalry recruiting station.

More Vessels.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The *Tribune's* Washington special says Representative A. S. Wallace, of South Carolina, asserts that great election frauds were perpetrated by the Democrats of his district for the purpose of defeating him. He says that he will be able to prove not only the intimidation of Republican voters, but the importation of at least 300 Georgians and North Carolinians, who voted for the Democrat.

The Oregon Witnesses at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The Odell party from Oregon arrived to-day. They contain a [illegible] interest [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The Daily Oregonian.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 28, 1876.

OREGON, MISSOURI AND NEW JERSEY.

New Jersey, like Missouri, presents a case in the electoral vote, which both Democrats and Republicans may ponder. One of the Democratic candidates for Presidential elector, Mr. Williamson, was a United States Commissioner. After the election a point was made against his eligibility. Mr. Foster, Chairman of the Republican Central Committee of the State, filed with the Executive a protest against the certificate of election being issued to him, and a demand that the certificate be given to the Republican candidate who had received the greatest number of votes. It is not stated that any indignation meetings were held to denounce the course of the Republican Chairman; but, on the contrary, the Republican press of that locality insisted that the protest against Williamson's receiving the certificate should have been sustained by the Governor, and the demand for a certificate to be given to the Republican should have been acceded to. It is not readily perceived how it was less criminal for Republican leaders in New Jersey to press the Governor for such a decision than for a Democratic Governor in Oregon to make such a decision.

But how can the Democrats of Oregon escape the inference that the ruling here, or else that in New Jersey, or possibly both, were mere party decisions? In New Jersey a case had been decided by the judicial tribunals of the commonwealth, involving the same construction of the law which the Republicans insisted should be adopted by the governor. The case was this: Two candidates ran for justice of the peace. One of them, Frazee by name, received *one* vote, and his opponent about *three hundred*. But the latter, it turned out, was ineligible. Action was brought by Frazee, and the Court of Oyer and Terminer decided that *his own vote elected him*, the three hundred votes cast for his ineligible rival being declared nullities. But when the question was presented to the governor, it involved the loss of a vote for Tilden, and the governor, being a Democrat, overruled the authority of the court, and gave the ineligible Democrat his certificate, while the governor of Oregon, being a Democrat, and there being no decision of the courts of this State on the point, adopted the principles of the New Jersey court decision, and granted the certificate to the Democrat, who had received a minority of the votes. Take the cases of Oregon, New Jersey and Missouri together, and the inference seems irresistible that in these political decisions party considerations have a preponderating influence, and that the law will be used by the representatives of both parties simply as a means of accomplishing political ends, whenever there is a shadow of a foundation for such construction of it as will make it serve such purposes. It is not pleasant to reflect that the rights of electors have so small influence in the reasoning of those who have the interpreting of the laws, but the inference seems irresistible when one pays attention to current events in the political world.

THAT HAT.

The telegraph advises us with delightful particularity of the blowing of trumpets and sounding of tom-toms in the path of our Democratic Governor as he moves on in his triumphal march to the capital, and of the number and duration of his little speeches, all of which is thankfully received. But it has not yet informed us whether the Governor has accepted that silk hat, which it was proclaimed had been tendered him by an enthusiastic Democrat as a token of the donor's appreciation of his efforts to save the Constitution and perpetuate civil liberty. It is a real privation not to be able to present our readers with a statement of the facts in that matter. A hat, in and of itself, is a thing of no striking value. It is a good thing, to speak plainly. And then it is, of all things, the most appropriate emblem of constitutional liberty, and the most fitting testimonial that could be offered to one who has performed the herculean labor that our Democratic Governor is engaged in saving the country. A hat is the symbol of dignity, being the crown of a man's body. To give our Governor a hat, therefore, implies a remark that he is possessed of the virtue of being in "posish." The king of France was wont in the olden time, to adjourn a meeting of his council by simply putting on his hat. Therefore, when our Governor puts on the hat under consideration, he will be reminded that he is suddenly become the acknowledged king of the Democrats, and that not even Cronin is his peer. Then, too, the natural position of a hat upon the human frame is at the extreme upper end of a perpendicular spine. This fact should never be lost sight of in estimating the appropriateness of a hat as a gift to a man who has exhibited great perpendicularity of spinal column in defending the constitution. This, indeed, under all the circumstances, we must regard as the uppermost idea involved in the presentation of a hat to our governor. On several occasions heretofore, evil disposed persons have circulated reports derogatory to his spine; and there is a peculiar fitness in making him such a present as will be a constant and tangible refutation of those falsehoods, in so far, especially, as they relate to the constitutional spine of his Excellency.

A correspondent of the New York *Herald* would have the country believe he has unearthed a scheme for the reconstruction of the Republican party in the Southern States, which is certainly startling if true. It is stated that a number of Southern Democratic Congressmen, particularly those of Whig antecedents, have been carefully sounded with a view to their abandoning the Democratic party and uniting with the Republicans to settle the Presidential muddle by the inauguration of Gov. Hayes, and in return the carpet-bag rule in the South to be replaced by the rule of the Southern wing of the reconstructed Republican party. This is but a brief outline. The details are found in our dispatches this morning. The report strikes one at first as entirely too sensational for credence, but it is certainly not an unnatural explanation of the conduct of certain Southern Democrats, who have of late been about the only moderate and conciliatory members of the party in Congress. Without daring to hope for the confirmation of this story and the consummation of such a programme, we dare say if the real sentiments of the Southern people were known, such a readjustment of their relations to the Federal Government would be welcomed by the majority of them. It would at once give them control of their own affairs, and prove the beginning of an era of peace and prosperity such as they have not known since the war. It would be the most statesmanlike course their leaders could pursue, for it would reassure the North of the security of the colored people in their civil rights, and at once disarm all who insist in sustaining the carpet-bag rulers as the only protection of the negroes against the atrocities of the white-line leaguers.

Mr. Congressman Banning, of the Cincinnati District, got a good deal of applause yesterday from the gallery and the pit for a violent and mischievous tirade of Democratic bluster. It was little to the credit of Mr. Banning, or of his admirers. It is just such mad-caps as he that are adding to the perils of the country by just such inflammatory harangues as that with which he electrified Democratic ears in the House of Representatives on the occasion referred to. Mr. Banning was a Union soldier during the war, and, perhaps, thinks he has some license, by virtue of that fact, to air himself now with a little more freedom than those Democrats who have never smelt powder; but he should remember that while he thus ticks the incompatible rabble with his bellicose rhetoric, he increases the difficulties and dangers of the already very difficult and dangerous situation. He is a fitting leader, we should infer, of a class of Democratic bawlers, of which the country is seeing altogether too much just at this time.

Some burglars get into prison in due course of law and then break out, but we seldom hear of burglars breaking into a penitentiary, as we learn was done by a "robber bold" at Salem, on Friday night of last week. While the prisoners were sleeping, and the guards also, for aught we know, some wicked sinner of a thief broke into the premises generally regarded as extra secure and stole two watches, some silver coin, and other articles, from the guards who were off duty. It is stated that none of the prisoners were taken away, and the sentinels of the prison were allowed to retain all their arms. Consistent burglars, fortunate guards.

MARRIED:

In East Portland, Dec. 27, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. Isaac Dillon, Mr. Franklin P. Walker and Miss Eva Irene J. Stanford, all of this county.

In Salem, Dec. 25, by Rev. P. S. Knight, Albert E. Williams and Miss Amelia Crauston.

In Marion county, Dec. 24, Joseph J. Ryan and Mary K. Feller.

At Tangent, Dec. 21, J. Cochran and Mary F. Fanning.

In Victoria, Dec. 21, James McB. Smith and Miss E. A. Bowden.

In Dayton, W. T., Dec. 17, J. K. Long and Miss N. E. Metzger.

DIED:

In Union county, Dec. 12, Mrs. E. S. Lowe, aged 50 years.

In Jamestown, Dec. 18, Edward Hudson, aged 19 years.

In Union, Dec. 17, Mrs. Addie Benson, aged 25.

In Salem, Dec. 26, John C., aged 6 years, and Richard C., aged 18 months, children of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith.

NEW TO-DAY.

Ladies & Childrens' Merinos, 50 cts., 75 cts., $1, $1 25, $1 50, $2 and $2 50 each. For sale at 402 Third street, by JOHN WILSON.

FOR SALE.

A LARGE LOT OF FIVE CENT PIECES; 1,000 shares of Lucky Queen, and 1,500 do of Esther. A. S. GROSS, 16 Pioneer Block Broker.

FOR SALE.

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CAPT. YOUNG, FROM OTAGO, NEW ZEALAND. All claims against the above named vessel must be presented at the office of the undersigned consignees, in duplicate, before 4 o'clock P. M. today, the 28th inst., or they will not be allowed. CORBITT & MACLEAY, 1t Consignees.

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DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE partnership of Kellogg & Hanthorn, in the NATIONAL HOTEL, will be dissolved on January 1, 1877, J. B. Kellogg retiring. Mr. J. O. Hanthorn will continue the business. All accounts due said firm must be settled before the 1st, and all persons having claims against the firm are requested to present them before that date. J. B. KELLOGG, d28d6t J. O. HANTHORN.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29th, At 10 o'clock A. M.,

Furniture, Carpets, Merchandise.

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1 Very Elegant PIANO, Guild, Church & Co., Makers, but little used, a fine Instrument.

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1 AMERICAN GRAY HORSE, good size, sound and a good driver, 5 years old.

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THE UNDERSIGNED HAS A GOOD ASSORTment of COSTUMES, (all new) which will be rented cheap. Will act as Costumer at other towns when arrangements can be effected.

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SOLOMON & ALBERTS

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TAKE PLEASURE IN ANNOUNCING TO THEIR patrons and the public in general that they have opened their

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Thanking our patrons for past favors we shall endeavor to merit a continuance by strict attention to their wants. ALISKY & HEGELE, 105 First street.

AUCTION! AUCTION!

W. O'SHEA, Licensed Pawnbroker, Washington street, between First and Second, Portland, Or., has first class Watches, Jewelry, Revolvers and other articles that he will sell during the Holidays at auction prices. Persons requiring money will find it to their advantage to call on him, as his terms will in future be reduced to less than one half on former charges. Business done on the lowest living rates. All transactions strictly private. Miscellaneous articles of every description bought and sold.

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A GOLD LOCKET ON FRIDAY LAST. THE finder will be rewarded on leaving it at this office. d25d3t

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The Daily Oregonian.

PORTLAND, OREGON: THURSDAY, DEC. 28, 1876.

CITY.

In Limbo.—A fellow giving his name as F. B. Leslie, alias H. L. Emery, presented a check to Mr. Chas. Haunstein, who keeps at the corner of Front and Stark streets, Tuesday evening, and desired to negotiate it. The check was on the First National Bank, purporting to have been signed by one C. Ainsworth, and made payable to the bearer. It was handed to Mr. Haunstein, who examined the check, thought everything was right, paid the money, and disappeared. As the name was made payable to Mr. Haunstein, Emery's endorsement was somewhat surprised to see on the back of the check. Emery made no objection to endorsing the check, the man simply endorsing the name of Capt. Ainsworth in a somewhat surprised to see the peculiarity of the writing. What transpired in had on the subject were known yesterday morning on presenting the check at the bank, for he then earned a free ride to the bank, for he then earned a warrant was issued at the prisoner arrested. He had a preliminary examination yesterday afternoon, and was held to await the action of the grand jury in the sum of $500. In default of bonds, he was committed to jail.

Weather.—From the records of the Signal Station of Observation, Portland, Oregon, Dec. 28, 1876:

	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.
Barometer	29.940	29.915	29.991
Thermometer	48°	48°	46°
Humidity	100	85	92
Rain	0	0	0
Snow	0	0	0
Weather	Cloudy.	Cloudy.	Cloudy.

Highest temperature, 52°
Lowest temperature, 42°

Installation.—The following officers of Willamette Encampment No. 1, I. O. O. F., will be installed at the meeting of December 26th [illegible] J. Beatty, H. P.; J. F. [illegible] Lyon, S.; C. Hegele, J.; [illegible] H. A. Hogue, William [illegible] trustees.

Lodge.—There will be a regular meeting of Multnomah Lodge No. 1, the following officers elected to serve for the [illegible] Arthur Wilson, C. C.; Geo. [illegible] C. J. E. Patton, V. G.; Ely [illegible] S.; Alfred Anderson, [illegible]

A HISTORY MEETING.

[illegible] of the State Natural [illegible] held in the Portland [illegible] yesterday at which [illegible] committee on constitution [illegible] preliminary meeting in [illegible] was held. The meeting was [illegible] Knight, chairman, D. [illegible] secretary pro tem. The [illegible] on constitution was [illegible] and adopted as follows:

[illegible] of this organization [illegible] and Co-operative Association.

[illegible] of this organization [illegible] study and exchange [illegible] Natural History, and thus contribute to the Natural History Survey of [illegible] To encourage and assist [illegible] of nature by the pupils of [illegible] To obtain for the schools [illegible] members are connected, suitable [illegible] in any school or [illegible] desiring to study Natural [illegible] may become a [illegible] the constitution and payment [illegible] sum of two [illegible]

[illegible] of this organization [illegible] President, Secretary and [illegible] assembly, who shall constitute [illegible] committee.

[illegible] The duty of the President [illegible] meetings of the Association [illegible] the Secretary [illegible] all matters of scientific [illegible] with a view to receive [illegible] and to report the [illegible] meeting of the Association [illegible] the duty of the Curator to [illegible] all specimens sent in by [illegible] undetermined, and [illegible] of such as may be [illegible] to redistribute the [illegible] to those by whom [illegible] sent, so as to give to [illegible] including in each set [illegible] species as can be selected [illegible] sent in, retaining one [illegible] him as the property of [illegible]

[illegible] It shall be the duty of members [illegible] objects of Natural [illegible] and to encourage, [illegible] similar work by the [illegible] control to transmit the [illegible] to the Curator of the [illegible] owner or exchange, so re[illegible] all specimens returned in [illegible] hold boxes for the use of [illegible] which he is at the time connected, [illegible] them to his successor in [illegible] that teachers may own [illegible] individually, when school [illegible] provide for the permanent [illegible] Members will be expected [illegible] as far as possible, to be re[illegible] of the Executive Committee [illegible] the kind and number of [illegible] collected in the several departments [illegible] manner of preparation, and [illegible] other matters as the said [illegible] may in charge.

[illegible] It shall be the duty of the [illegible] to assign to each member [illegible] such portion of work [illegible] the general good, consistent [illegible] ability to perform; the [illegible] all necessary letters and [illegible] on and direction as to [illegible] specimens collected.

[illegible] Association shall meet [illegible] to elect officers, to receive the [illegible] Secretary, and to transact any [illegible] over at such place and time [illegible] constitution may be amended [illegible] by an affirmative [illegible] of all the members present [illegible] the State University, was [illegible] S. Knight, of Salem, [illegible] Johnson, of Forest Grove, [illegible] and place of holding the [illegible] and the location of the [illegible] was left to be fixed by the [illegible] No further business appearing [illegible] adjourned. The executive [illegible] publish a circular soon, [illegible] the objects and aims of [illegible] and the means to be employed in [illegible] of them out.

AMUSEMENTS.

Last Night's Performances.—Including the one presented many from attendance given last evening at [illegible] theater, but a very good audience [illegible] considering the bad rumor [illegible] of the atmosphere. Boucicault's [illegible] drama of the "Long Strike," was rendered [illegible] the Scotch farce of "In and Out [illegible] all which was said complimentary [illegible] on its first presentation can be repeated. From the opening to the closing [illegible] scene was full of interest, and [illegible] the culminating situations were [illegible] the latest admirably. Miss Firmin and [illegible] have become established favorites, [illegible] appearance on the stage is the signal [illegible] recognition on the part of the [illegible] Both are thorough artists, and in [illegible] specialties are simply immense. Howard is also a careful, painstaking [illegible] and never fails to make his [illegible] telling effect. As "Johnny Pielly," [illegible] was really clever, and his efforts [illegible] were rewarded. Other and more [illegible] characters of the play were entrusted to competent hands, and the piece ran [illegible] and to the entire satisfaction of [illegible] present. The afterpiece—in which Miss [illegible] personates six distinct characters—set [illegible] in storms of laughter, and sent all [illegible] away in a state of [illegible] capital humor. This evening a [illegible] bill is offered—"The Daughter of the [illegible]" Miss Firmin personates the title [illegible] and among the evening will render all [illegible] specialties incidental to the play. [illegible] the performance will be the [illegible] of "Jenny Lind at Last," in [illegible] Miss Firmin will have an admirable [illegible] to display her remarkable musical [illegible] "Kismo," or "Big Bonanza," is [illegible] of preparation and will shortly be

BRIEF NOTES.

Rain again.

No snow yet.

River slowly rising.

Snowbirds are in season.

Nights are growing shorter.

Yesterday was St. John's Day.

New Year cakes will soon be in order.

How about the ice crop this season?

Cold schnapps is the popular beverage.

"Child of the Regiment," this evening.

Old 1876 has "about gone by the board."

Some of the cross walks are in a bad condition.

Scour up old-fashioned watch chains. It is stylish again.

U. S. circuit and district court has adjourned until next Tuesday.

Police business has "flocked up" considerably since Christmas.

It is the kind of weather when street car drivers earn their wages.

In view of the recent Brooklyn holocaust, let us have alum-soaked scenery.

Steamer *G. W. Elder* arrived yesterday. She brought 380 tons of assorted cargo.

Mr. Geo. B. Dorris of the Lafayette *Courier*, is at present in the city. He gave us a call yesterday.

It is the height of absurdity to hear a bald-headed man telling the barber to "part it on the left side."

After Monday be careful how you date your letters, or you will be certain to write a figure 6 instead of 7.

The remaining turkeys are not bothered about who is elected, but who is selected—for the New Year's dinner.

Columbian No. 3, will give their annual New Year reunion and ball at the engine house next Monday evening.

A five-mile foot race is, we understand, in contemplation, to come off on New Year's Day. Five hundred dollars on a side.

"Stocks has not risen." On the contrary they have "gone into a decline," and speculators in the "curb" feel decidedly blue over present prospects.

NOTES FROM ALBANY.

Our regular correspondent, writing from the above place, under date of the 27th, sends the following:

Green fruit and vegetables very abundant in the market.

The schools of this city will re open next week on Tuesday.

After five weeks of pleasant weather, the rains have set in again.

Wheat is being shipped down the river and by railroad very rapidly.

Only two prisoners in our city jail. This looks well for Linn county.

The M. E. church was freed from mortgage this week, so we understand.

Prof. Gilbert is having the Central School repaired and remodeled inside.

Mr. Newhouse and family of Portland, are visiting their friends in this city.

Judge Piper delivered an address for the Free Masons at Junction yesterday.

The new law firm of Messrs. Piper & Miller will be a fine addition to the Albany bar.

Four children out of six have died of diphtheria in Mr. Lotan's family near this place.

The political storm has subsided and the humdrum life has set in again with the people of this city.

All the children of this city are now happy as the usual Christmas festivities passed off on Monday evening.

A card of thanks from the Pastor of M. E. Church for the noble efforts of his congregation and membership in making the Christmas entertainment a success.

We peeped into the Methodist Church on yesterday after the trees were removed, and found the ornamentation that is to remain for the next three months positively beautiful and grand.

MILITARY NOTES.

Major Reginald H. Fowler, paymaster, will pay the troops to include the muster of December 31, 1876, at Fort Townsend, W. T., Fort Wrangel and the post of Sitka, Alaska.

Capt. John Meidenhall, 4th artillery, is appointed to act as inspector on certain medical and hospital property at the post of Sitka, Alaska, for which acting assistant surgeon Wm. B. Baker, post surgeon, is accountable.

Major John Green, 1st cavalry, is appointed to act as inspector on certain ordnance and ordnance stores, and camp and garrison equipage, at Camp Harney, Oregon, for which Capt. George K. Downey, 21st infantry, commanding Co. K, is accountable.

Capt. Harry M. Smith, 21st infantry, is appointed to act as inspector on certain quartermaster's stores and camp and garrison equipage at Fort Lawwai, I. T., also on certain ordnance and ordnance stores, quartermaster's stores and camp and garrison equipage.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

The co-partnership existing between J. B. Kellogg and J. O. Hawthorn has been dissolved, the former retiring.

Kilbourn has sales to-morrow morning and evening, which include a grand piano, furniture, books, etc. Here is a splendid chance to buy.

For Havana segars and meerschaum goods, go to S. L. Stone.

The only place where you can get a really first-class suit of clothing, at a reasonable price, is at Ko in's Clothing Palace.

Masquerade suits and trimmings at Jos. Harris', Morrison street.

Dr. Warner's Health Corset for "nursing." Excels for comfort, convenience, and supports the Breast.

The diamonds at B. L. Stone's are dazzling.

Ask Fabre to show you that bill of fare he and his friends attended to yesterday.

Barnes is prepared to serve you with an extra lunch to-day.

We are confident that Henrichsen's store will be the Bonanza to-day, where people can buy themselves rich, for he is selling the finest at way down prices.

For table ware of all descriptions, go to Henrichsen's. Every thing in the jewelry line at the very lowest price.

The only place in the city where such an assorted stock of jewelry can be found is at Henrichsen's.

Only a few days more to buy jewelry—the best at B. L. Stone's.

The Oregon Furniture Manufacturing Co. are just out with a splendid assortment of folding chairs—strong, cheap and handsome.

The latest style dress and business suits just received at Kohn's Clothing Palace.

For San Francisco and Broadway candies, go to S. L. Stone.

Indescribable—the display at B. L. Stone's. You must see it.

Fresh supply. Those persons who were disappointed in procuring one of those beautiful Energy Hats, are informed that Meussdorffer has received a fresh supply, and can meet the wants of everybody.

Captains and pilots will note the fact that Peter Wilhelm has fitted up two rooms for their especial use at the Fountain, corner Ash and First streets. English papers on file, and everything cosy.

Mrs. B. A. Owens, M.D., Office and residence, east side First street, between Yamhill and Taylor. Special attention given to Women and Children complaints. Also gives Medicated Vapor Baths, combined with Electricity, invented for treating Rheumatism and Chronic Diseases.

Having purchased the interest of W. H. Andrus, Esq., in the Occidental Hotel, I will be happy to meet my friends in future at this house. THOMAS SMITH.

The end. The end of the year has come, the end of all things approacheth; there must come an end to an old hat, but in the language of Meussdorffer so much the better, I can sell new ones cheap.

Another dentist has been rendered in favor of Noble Whisky, as the purest and best of beverages, proving the correctness of popular appreciation Millard & Van Schuyver, agents, 39 Front street.

COMMON COUNCIL.

ADJOURNED MEETING, DEC. 27, 1876.

An adjourned meeting of the common council was held at 7 o'clock.

Present—Hon. J. A. Chapman, Mayor, Councilmen Landrus, Blumauer, Corbett, Harrington, Lambert, Skidmore, Stemme, Stephens, Wiley.

In attendance—W. S. Caldwell, auditor and clerk, J. H. Lappeus, chief of police, by Jas. Sloan.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The committee on fire and water reported on the petition of L. M. Dyer for permission to construct a temporary roof on his building lately destroyed by fire, recommending that the petition be granted; on motion the report was adopted.

The committee on streets reported recommending the erection of an oil lamp on the northeast corner of E and north Seventh streets.

The committee on judiciary submitted a report, sustaining the action of the City Attorney in the taking of an appeal in certain cases to the supreme court.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were ordered paid: Geo. H. Himes, $32 75; Dilg, Bros., $2; W. H. Butts, $223 54; John Finnen, $9) 48; P. G. Baker, $10; Dilg, Bros., $4.

ORDINANCES.

The following ordinances were severally read three times and passed under a suspension of the rules:

An ordinance making an assessment for the improvement of Hall street.

An ordinance making an appropriation for the improvement of said street.

An ordinance making an appropriation for the improvement of Madison street.

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An ordinance making an assessment for the improvement of College street.

An ordinance extending North Nineteenth street to intersect with B street.

An ordinance providing for the improvement of First street, between Main and Madison, by McAdamizing full width.

AUTHORIZATIONS.

From the committee on fire and water, authorizing the expenditure of $30 for grate, etc., for Engine Co. No. 4.

From the committee on streets and public property, authorizing the expenditure of $30 for the erection of an oil lamp on the northeast corner of E and North Seventh streets.

RESOLUTIONS.

Authorizing the issuance of warrants for delinquent street assessments.

Authorizing the publication of certain ordinances in the city directory.

On motion, adjourned.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Supreme court has adjourned until after the holidays.

The postoffice in this city closed on Christmas Day from 2:30 to 3 P. M.

Jim Coleman and his bride spent Christmas in this city, under her ancestral roof.

The deaf mutes were provided with an excellent Christmas dinner at their school in this city.

Very many of our private residences were, and are still, elaborately trimmed in honor of holiday week.

Our Evangelical friends celebrated Christmas by a supper, a Good Templar hall, on the afternoon of that day.

Rev. P. S. Knight has just closed the tenth year of his ministry over the First Congregational church of this city.

The plumbing stock formerly owned by M. J. Rawlins has been purchased by J. V. Crawford and Thomas Cunningham & Co.

Jas. Coffey has rented the rooms formerly occupied by M. J. Rawl, and will move his stock of furniture therein about January 1st.

Extra clerical force has to be provided at Boon's book store and the Dollar Store to meet the demand of the holiday trade, which, throughout the city, has been quite liberal.

Daniel Clark, Esq., grand master of the State Grange, was the recipient of a handsome gold-headed cane from the members of his family on Christmas morn. It was purchased by W. W. Martin, of this city.

Mine Host Matthews, of the Chemeketa, provided free "eggnog" for his friends on Christmas morning, and they proved numerous enough to keep Fred and Tom busy for several hours in dealing out the beverage.

We were misinformed and a little premature in announcing Ben McCauley's marriage on Tuesday last, as it proved to be O. D. Young, Esq., of Seattle, instead. Ben has hardly forgiven us yet, but will eventually no doubt, as the joke was thoroughly appreciated by his numerous friends. WIDE AWAKE.

Masquerade suits to rent at Jos. Harris', St. Charles hotel building, Morrison street.

Notice.—Owing to illness, Dr. Hallgruner will be unable to see patrons for the present.

Christmas passed off very pleasantly indeed in all parts of the State, and no serious calamity reported. The rush to Beck & Waldman's has been quite large since the opening.

The best underwear, wrappers, &c., cheaper than elsewhere, at Mrs. Warner's.

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.

The copartnership existing between Joe Oppenheimer and Henry Ackerman, better known as Ackerman's Dollar Store, will be dissolved January 1, 1877. It is imperatively necessary that our stock be disposed of before that time. It being a very large and complete one, comprising in the main elegant Holiday Presents, Crockery, Glass and Fine Plated Ware, it will be readily seen that great sacrifices must be made to dispose of it all within the time set.

The attention of the public, and especially of dealers throughout the State, is called to the above.

ACKERMAN'S DOLLAR STORE.

Know all people by these presents, that I, *Santa Claus*, arrived per steamer *Geo. W. Elder*, and have left my *Budget of Toys* and Christmas Presents with Wm. Beck & Son, for distribution in the city of Portland.

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J. H. BRENNER

Will give the best references in the city as Teacher of

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PROGRESS CLUB ROOMS.

I have taken charge of the Progress Club Rooms, and cordially invite the former guests of the Club and my acquaintances. Lunch from 12 to 1 P. M. The fine Hall and Rooms will be rented to Clubs, also for Private Parties, Balls, etc.

H. BRENNER.

Hagan's Magnolia Balm preserves and restores the complexion; removes freckles, tan and sallowness; makes the skin soft, white and delicate. Its application cannot be detected.

Lyon's Kathairon makes beautiful, glossy, luxuriant hair; prevents its falling out or turning gray. It has stood the test of 40 years. Is charmingly perfumed, and has no rival.

CUT THIS OUT.

IT MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE.

There is no person living but what suffers more or less with Lung Diseases, Coughs, Colds or Consumption, yet some would die rather than pay 75 cents for a bottle of medicine that would cure them. Dr. A. Boschee's German Syrup has lately been introduced in this country from Germany, and its wonderous cures astonishes every one that try it. If you doubt what we say in print, cut this out and take it to your Druggist and get a sample bottle for a bit and try it. Large size 75 cents. Two doses will relieve you. Agents—Crano & Brigham, Wholesale Druggists, San Francisco.

THE OREGON CASE IN CONGRESS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN:

The matter of the Oregon presidential electors was, on motion of "Mitchell," referred to the committee on privileges and elections. Morton is chairman of that committee, then follows Logan and "Mitchell," in that order. "A sweet old committee." "Mitchell" is the fairest man of these. The questions to be decided are legal ones, and the principal one is, whether or not Oregon appointed more than two electors on the 7th day of November, and whether or not there was provision, under our laws, for appointing the omitted one. Certainly the judiciary committee was the proper one to consider the question. Simpson, Dolph and Steel are summoned as witnesses. They know no more about the matter than any other three citizens of Portland, and, of course, were summoned to enable them to go to Washington and spend the winter at the expense of the treasury. Watts, Odell and Cartwright were also summoned, and are likewise *en route*. They know what transpired in the electoral college. Klippell, Miller, Laswell and Parker also saw and heard what occurred there, and they were summoned; but the summons was soon revoked. Did "Mitchell," for the committee, wish to hear only one side of that story? It would seem so. FAIRNESS.

For lemons, oranges, limes, figs, dates, nuts, etc., go to S. L. Stone, corner First and Ash.

FINNEN'S HAVANA CIGAR STORE,

Opposite Strowbridge's Block, has on hand and for sale a large assortment of fine Cigars, Chewing and Smoking Tobacco, the best, cheapest and largest assortment in the city. Call, judge for yourself, and be convinced that I give more satisfaction for your money than any other retail store here. 98 FIRST STREET.

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CHRISTMAS REMARKS.

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NOTICE. Fault is found with us for selling our Fine Cigars so cheap, and we are charged with trying to undersell others. The simple fact is we buy very cheap for cash, and sell again as low as ever we can. When we get bargains we give them to the people, and this shall be our course, no matter what critickes it.

Imported Cigars.	Bouquet Reina Victoria.
Imported Cigars.	Bouquet Especial.
Imported Cigars.	La Manzanita.
Eastern Cigars.	My Pride.
Eastern Cigars.	La Churruca.
White Labor.	La Flor de Cuba.
White Labor.	Rich strong and pleasant
El Principe de Gales.	This Brand is now the
El Principe de Gales.	leading Key West Cigar. We have them in
El Principe de Gales.	conchas and Londres
El Principe de Gales.	grand sizes.
California Brands.	Embrace all those whose
California Brands.	merits are generally
California Brands.	recognized.
The El Merito.	This is a strict specialty
The El Merito.	of our own, running in
The El Merito.	various sizes and prices
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The Gravely.	Tobacco Excels
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A line of Notions and Smokers' Articles, nowhere excelled.	The best assortment of FRUITS in the city.

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For 1877.

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PORTLAND CITY DIRECTORY for 1877,

Embracing a General Directory of Residents, a Directory of East Portland; together with a Business Directory and other Statistics relative to the Progress and Present Condition of the city.

This being the FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ISSUE of the above work, the Publisher will spare no expense to render it FULLY RELIABLE and ACCURATE, his sole aim being to make the DIRECTORY useful to every citizen in Portland as a faithful annual index of the commercial condition of the city.

The CANVASSING for NAMES in this city and East Portland will be entrusted to reliable parties so as to ensure correctness in every detail.

Mr. A. BURTWHISTLER will solicit for Advertisements, and the Publisher hopes that the same patronage may be extended to the contemplated issue that has been received during the past fourteen years.

Please report all alterations in Firms or Business, Removals, etc., at the FRANKLIN BOOK STORE, 41 First street.

East Portland Assessment Roll.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ASSessment Roll for the City of East Portland for the year 1876 has been delivered to the Board of Trustees by the City Assessor and will remain open for inspection at the office of the Recorder and Auditor until the first day of January, 1877. All applications for the correction of errors in the valuation and listing of property must be filed with the Recorder prior to that date.

By order of the Board of Trustees.

I. N. SANDERS, Recorder & Auditor.

East Portland, Dec. 6, 1876. d7&4wtc

Good Advertising

$3,250 40 worth of space in various newspapers distributed through thirty States, will be sold for $780 cash. Advantageous insertions guaranteed. A list of the papers, giving daily and weekly circular on and printed schedule of rates, sent free on application to GEO. P. ROWELL & CO., Newspaper Advertising Agents, No. 41 Park Row, New York.

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To be found in the City of Portland, and an examination will prove my assertion.

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But remain at my OLD STAND, and I shall Sell at Prices in keeping with Low Times,

As they were bought for Cash.

HOLIDAY TRADE

And those wishing to purchase any article in my line will be benefited in giving me a call.

L. C. HENRICHSEN,

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JOHN B. MILLER,

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CLOCKS of all descriptions known to the trade

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Articles suitable for

Christmas Presents in Immense Variety, from

Initial Letter and Envelopes

TO ALL

In order to REDUCE OUR STOCK before the end of the year we have determined to

LOWER PRICES

for the next three weeks so that every one will have an opportunity to avail themselves of the advantage.

Per "Elder" we received 3300 yards

CHEAP WHITE GOODS

to be sold at 37½ cents per yard, by far the best value we have ever offered.

For the convenience of our customers we will keep in future the

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a large Stock of which we have received this week.

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A full stock of Diamond and Brown SILK LACE, in all widths.

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WASHING DRESS, in Plaids and Plain colors, 7-8 to 31 25 per yd.

FELT SKIRTS, 75c and upwards.

COTTON and WOOL HOSIERY, all qualities.

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Best quality French Two-Button KID GLOVES, at $1 50 per pair.

1000 Articles of FANCY GOODS, too numerous to mention.

Last but not least, GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS, in all prices.

We guarantee our Goods to be just as represented and we DEFY COMPETITION.

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Price List—Best Quality Hair Switches.

22 inches	2½ ounces weight	$5 00
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30 "	5 " "	15 00
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n25d m

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Lace Goods of all descriptions.

All the Latest Colors in Colored Silks, Velvets, Velveteens, Etc., Etc.

Colored Silk Velvet 18 inches wide, at $3 per yard, worth $5.

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NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS KNOWING THEMSELVES to be indebted to the undersigned, will call at my store, 73 First street, and settle within thirty days, as I am closing up my business.

d2d3tk JENNIE MACNAUGHTAN.

STOVES.

A FEW OF THESE SUPERIOR STOVES For sale by GEO. AUPENETHY,

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OFFICE WILL BE REMOVED TO STORE Ridgley's Building, corner of First and Ankeny sts., January 1, 1877. d18d1m

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TOYS, too numerous to mention.

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Hassalo Lodge No. 15, I. O. O. F., Meets every Friday evening, at 7½ o'clock, in Odd Fellows' Temple, corner First and Alder streets. Members of the Order are invited to attend. By order of N. G.

The Daily Herald.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 28, 1876.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 26.—The plenipotentiaries are said to exclude from the term "Bulgaria," all localities where Mussulmans are in the majority. The Porte is still resolved not to make any concessions contrary to the maintenance of the integrity of the empire, nor grant a broad administrative authority of provinces, nor the disarmament of Mussulmans. The *Lepjpare Du Jorphore* newspaper publishes an article concluding as follows: "The non-Slavonic people will never consent to being sacrificed to Pan Slavonism, but will fight, and if victorious, will have the sad satisfaction of having saved not only national existence but British interests.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The *Times'* Vienna dispatch says: Some believe the question of prolonging the armistice will be made dependent on Turkey's giving decisions on the subjects of reforms and guarantees. This seems to tally with news from Kischene that preparations are making to advance the Russian headquarters to Gratin on the frontier. The signs for this movement was expected from Constantinople. No one at Russian headquarters doubts that the army would cross the Pruth at Skuljini in the direction of Jassy, when headquarters would be transferred to Ungheni. It is calculated this movement would take place about the 10th of January. The date coincides with the expiration of the fortnight's prolongation of armistice advocated by Russia.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The *Times'* in a leader concludes that the Porte may rest assured that the first shot fired in defiance of the united demands of Europe, would be the beginning of the end. Neither England nor any other power would interpose to save it from ruin. It might have more foes than Russia even at the outset.

LONDON, Dec 29.—The Russian telegraphic agency reports the general temper of Mussulmans does not decide whether the Sultan's reply on Thursday will be favorable.

The Ber in correspondent of the *Times* says the moderation of Russia's demands is largely due to Austria's military preparations. Austria's attitude has proportionately encouraged the Porte in its disposition to resist the reforms.

The Porte does not appear to have decided formally to reject the proposals of the European powers. Midhat Pasha has visited the ambassadors and plenipotentiaries during a conversation at which place as is said to have foreshadowed that Turkey would raise objections, especially in regard to guarantees, and it is stated he did not speak of an absolute refusal. The Marquis of Salisbury to-day informed the Sultan the powers were unanimous in insisting on the adoption of their propositions and in the event of refusal, the ambassadors would quit Constantinople. The Porte will not make known its intentions until the next sitting of the conference. It is believed the armistice will be prolonged, and a prompt solution of pending questions is expected.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 26.—The *Independence Belge* says: The Belgian government has only received confidential overtures concerning the occupation of Bosnia. Minister Malou has apprised the Belgian representatives abroad that Belgium would make her acceptance conditions on obtaining financial and moral guarantees. The *Independence* doubts whether there is any chance of the powers accepting Belgium's conditions.

BELGRADE, Dec. 27.—The Russian General Nankin, arrived Monday to take command of the Servian army, vice Tchernayeff. Gen. Nankin said he had come by order of the Emperor of Russia to assume command of the army. He said all foreigners in Servia serving in Russian corps would be considered part of the Russian army. Orders were issued to Servian corps commanders to proceed to their posts. All volunteers were ordered to the Drina army.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The *Globe* asserts Russia has orders her fleet to rendezvous at Otschakoff, as active measures are cared by the Turkish fleet.

[illegible], Dec. 27.—The decree of October, 1875, reducing the interest on Turkish debt one-half during five years has been officially made.

VIENNA, Dec. 27.—It appears certain the Porte will not accept all proposals of the Powers. Interviews between the Marquis of Salisbury and the Sultan appear to have produced a favorable result.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The *Pall Mall Gazette* says: Telegrams on the Eastern question are misleading, and warns its readers not to believe the reports about the British ambassador remaining, the Marquis of Salisbury's ultimatum, and the departure of the English fleet from Turkish waters, etc. Ragys Besika Bay is not large for large ships at this season and the Marquis of Salisbury's business with the Sultan on Saturday was not to present proposals of the conference as an ultimatum. The argument, Russia and England go too far, is false to signify England will back Russian demands on the Porte for the sake of peace. We may wish to see their proposals accepted, if refused we will not quarrel with the Porte, but watch the outcome of the refusal with a steady view for self protection and our own interests in the world.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 27.—There are rumors that the Turks will present counter propositions to-day.

VIENNA, Dec. 27.—News from Bessarabia is that the Russian army is so little effective for a long campaign that Grand Duke Nicholas has telegraphed that unless he receives considerable reinforcements of picket troops, he can not commence serious operations beyond crossing the Pruth and taking up quarters in Roumania.

BELGRADE, Dec. 27.—Russia is sending money to enable Servia to recommence hostilities.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—The Austrian ambassador at Berlin has been summoned, and it is believed Austria is about to take important resolutions with regard to the Eastern question.

The New Turkish Constitution.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 28.—The new Turkish Constitution was solemnly proclaimed to-day. It consists in substance of the following provisions: The Empire is indivisible. The Sultan is Caliph of Mussulman and Sovereign of all Ottomans. His prerogatives are those of constitutional sovereigns of the West. Subjects of the Empire are called Ottomans. Their liberty is inviolable. Islamism is the religion of state, but it shall not have any other theocratic character. Religious privileges of communities and free exercise of public worship by all creeds are guaranteed. Liberty of the press and freedom of education created. Primary education is compulsory. The right of association and right of petition to chambers are accorded. All individuals, in the eyes of the law, are eligible to public employments of religion. Taxes are to be equally distributed. Special laws are indispensable to authorize their collection. Rights of property are guaranteed. The domicile is inviolable. Functions of tribunals are settled. No one may be deprived of his natural judges. Judges of penal proceedings are to be public; rights of defense are recognized. All punishments are to be published. The ministry has the right to interfere in judicial matters. Confiscation statute and inquisition prohibited, ministerial responsibility is established. Ministers impeached by the chamber will be judged by a high court, consisting of the chief judicial and administrative functionaries. No public official can be dismissed without legitimate grounds. Their responsibility is maintained, and they cannot be released from it by the act of having received orders from superior of these orders, contrary to law. Two chambers will be instituted—a chamber of deputies and senate. They will receive messages from the Sultan and have the freedom of voting and expressing opinions. The system of operative mandate is prohibited. The initiative of framing laws belongs to the ministers and chamber of deputies. Laws submitted by the chamber of deputies and revised by the senate require the imperial sanction. The senate can reject laws contrary to the constitution. Judges and functionaries are irremovable. The court of accounts, which is irremovable except by a vote of the chamber of deputies, will annually present to the chambers a complete financial account. Provincial administration will be on the broadest basis of decentralization. General and municipal councils are to be formed by election. Finally, the constitution is only to be modified by vote of both chambers and sanction of the Sultan.

The first number of the *North Pacific Rural*, a monthly publication at Seattle, issued by Mr. B. L. Northup, has reached us. The *Rural* is a 16 page journal, well printed, and filled with good reading matter, many of the articles being original, and of decided merit. If future numbers are as good as the first it should be well supported by the people of our neighboring Territory.

Financial.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 27, 1876

Business circles there are few changes to note. The supply of money is quite ample for the support of the trade of the season, and the tendency of rates on loans and discounts is toward the advantage of the applicants, who are not on the market in great numbers or for large amounts. Inasmuch as one of the leading banks in San Francisco has determined to reduce its rates on all loans made after the 1st January to ¾ of 1 per cent a month, and other banks there being expected to do the same, it is quite likely that we shall soon witness a corresponding reduction in the principal commercial centers on this coast.

The holiday season has in some measure checked the activity in general trade, and to all but those who deal largely in the articles which constitute the catalogue of presents usually bestowed at this period, there is a general quiet waiting until the old year dies out, and the new, with fresh scenes and changes, comes in and the community again settles down to the routine of ordinary business.

The produce market, above any other department, maintains about the usual degree of activity, and with the remunerative prices which prevail for nearly all articles of home production, the country is steadily pouring into the market very large quantities of all saleable commodities. Principally, breadstuffs command attention, and offers to sell are quite frequent. Buyers, and especially those who buy to ship, seem to be at sea in the uncertain condition of the market, and some who deal largely in ordinary times are now cautious and afraid. The advance has surprised them. They wonder that it gave no sign of its coming and fear that the decline may also come without warning. Some of the leading exporters say there is "no fixed price for wheat," that it altogether depends upon the wants of the buyer and the conditions of the contract which he is or may be under the necessity to fill. The dullness in the freight market is a source of regret to ship owners, and the low prices of freight discourage them; but in former seasons they have reaped rich harvests in carrying the grain of this coast, and it is fair that the farmers and shippers should come in for a share of the profits occasionally. The lowest figure we now hear named for wheat is $2 per cental, while $2 05 and upward is quoted as current rates. Just how much upward buyers would be willing to go is a difficult matter to determine.

U. S. Imports and Exports.

From the returns made to and compiled by the bureau of statistics at Washington for the last fiscal year, and which are just published, the coin value of the exports and imports of the United States are as follows, and compared with the tables for the previous year show a very great balance of trade in our favor. For the fiscal year 1875:

Exports of domestic merchandise	$505,582,247
Exports of foreign merchandise	14,802,424
Total	$540,384,671
Imports of goods	460,741,190
Excess of exports over imports	79,643,481

For the fiscal year 1875 there was an excess of imports over exports amounting to $9,562,725, showing a difference of $89,206,206.

Exports of specie and bullion	$16,506,802
Imports of specie and bullion	15,936,681
Excess of exports over imports	$569,621
Total excess of exports of merchandise and the precious metals over imports	$20,213,102

Shipping Intelligence.

The steamship Geo. W. Elder being delayed by fogs on the river, did not reach her berth until 11 A. M. to day.

The steamship Gussie Telfair will sail for Sitka and way ports early to-morrow morning.

The British ship Norval has completed her cargo of wheat and cleared for Queenstown.

The Br. ship Woosung has finished loading and cleared for Liverpool.

The Br. ship Vale of Doon cleared for Europe to-day with a wheat cargo.

The bark Loch Fergus will finish loading to-morrow.

The Br. bark Downlemount, which has been in port for about two months, was to day chartered by J. McCraken & Co. to load wheat for Europe on private terms.

It is reported that the bark Esmeralda now at Astoria, has been ordered to proceed to Valparaiso in ballast.

There are about half a dozen grain vessels in the river seeking charters.

The bark Mattie Macleay will be due in about 10 days with an assorted cargo of Sandwich Island products.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Sailed—Schr American Girl, Port Blakely; schr W. L. Beebe, Port Blakely.

San Francisco Markets.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—FLOUR—Superfine, $3 25@3 75; extra, $3 12½@4 62½; for shipping lots, payable in gold, $3 25; for jobbing lots, payable in silver, $3 25.

Wheat—The continued absence of rain has added tone to the market, most holders asking $2 25 for choice lots. Sales yesterday, 5,000 sacks shipping, $2 12½; 3,000 sacks milling, $2 20; 4,000 sacks choice shipping, alongside, $2 20. There was rather more offering on change to-day at $2 20, and one lot of 50 tons of milling at railroad depot sold at $2 15.

Barley—Coast feed, $1 17½@1 22½, silver; brewing, 1 25@1 30.

Oats—$1 60@2 10, according to quality, quantity and terms of payment.

Corn—Large yellow firm at $1 17½@1 20 silver.

Buckwheat—Nominally, $1 50.

Rye—Firm at $1 75@1 80.

Potatoes—Sweet, 62½@75c; very choice red held at 90c@$1, but the bulk sell at 40@75c.

Go d—107½.

Legal tenders—93½@94.

Silver—Trade dollars, 101@101½; halves, 93½@94½.

Liverpool wheat market is given to day 10s@11s 4d for average California; 11s 3d@ 11s 6d for club.

Boston Wool Market.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

BOSTON, Dec. 12.—Wool steady, but in moderate demand. Desirable grades are held firm, and fine cannot be purchased except at very full prices. Ohio and Pennsylvania X and XX sell at 43@48c; delaine is in steady demand at 45@50c; pulled, firm; choice super, scarce; super and X, 40@47c, and choice Eastern and Maine supers, 45@47c. California in fair demand; low grades of California can only be forced off at low figures; sales range from 40@55c very little spring clearing.

Liverpool Wheat Market.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 27.—Wheat steady. No 1 spring, 10s 1d; No 2, 10s 6d; winter, 11s 2d; for southern, 10s 9d. Receipts of wheat the past week from the Atlantic ports 12,750 quarters; Pacific ports 5,600; other sources, 6,700. Receipts of corn, 32,000.

EXPORTS.

Per steamship Gussie Telfair to Sitka and intermediate ports, dispatched by the O. S. S. Co., Dec. 27th, 1,964 sks flour, 64 sks oats, 04 cs bread, 15 cs hams, 68 sks meal, 10 sks beans, 78 sks potatoes, 23 sks onions, 34 cs bacon, 8 pkgs lard, 48 sks bran, 22 boxes apples, 128 sks barley, 7 cs eggs, 300 brick, 4,100 ft lumber, 68 tons hay and 709 pkgs assorted merchandise.

Per ship Woosung for Liverpool, direct, dispatched Dec. 25th, by J. McCraken & Co., 21,000 centals wheat, valued at $43,000.

Per British Norval to Queenstown, for orders dispatched by Corbitt & Macleay, 40 854 centals wheat, valued at $81,772.

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CITY ASSESSMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ASSESSMENT roll of the city of Portland has been duly filed and will remain open at the auditor's office until January 1, 1877, prior to which time all applications for corrections of errors must be filed.

Particular attention is directed to the following section of Ordinance No. 113

Section 3. Any person deeming himself aggrieved by the assessment, valuation or listing of property, may apply to the Common Council for a revision of the same.

Such application shall contain a list of all the property subject to taxation for city purposes, owned by, in the hands of, or under the control of the applicant, and a concise statement of the particular item or items claimed to be erroneously assessed, which said application shall in all cases be verified by oath or affirmation of the applicant, and must be filed with the Auditor before the 1st day of January following the date of the filing of the Assessment Roll.

W. S. CALDWELL,
Auditor and Clerk.

Portland, Dec. 1, 1876. d2d1d

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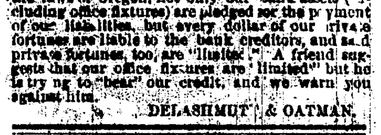

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SETH L. POPE, Assignee.
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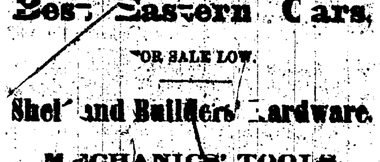

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